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fire as tourists

of the Queens

By Christopher Walker and Emad Mekay

AT LEAST 69 foreign tourists,

including two Britons, were

killed yesterday when terror-

ists armed with machineguns

opened fire on tour buses in

Egypt's Valley of the Queens.

licemen were also reported to

have died in a three-hour gunfight that followed the

massacre outside the Temple

A further 16 critically in-

jured tourists were flown to a

military hospital in Cairo, 300

miles away, and another five

Britons were still unaccounted

The attack - believed to

have been carried out by

Islamic militants - was the

bloodiest blow yet to President

Mubarak's moderate regime

and it threatened to devastate

the country's £1.7 billion tour-

Tour operators all over the

world were last night considering whether to pull put of

Egypt and companies with

visitors already there were

offering to fly them home

early. The Foreign Office

warned people to avoid Luxor,

which is now under curiew.

saying it could not guarantee

Egyptian officials said that

the attackers, wearing black

clothes similar to those worn

by police, had burst into the courtyard of the 3,400-year-

old desert temple near Luxor

shortly after 9am and started

Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, will come under fire

from a Commons watchdog over the decision to exemp

their safety there.

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Six terrorists and three po-

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### 18,000 women

for new tests

recalled

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE accuracy of cervical smear tests was again in question last night after 18,000 women were warned that more than 3 per cent of them could wrongly have been given the all-clear.

This latest case comes from the pathology department of the Hospital of Saint Cross at Rugby in Warwickwichire. A random check on 500 tests taken between January, 1995, and April of this year has discovered that 16 of the women should have been recalled because of abnormalities discovered on their slides.

This is the eighth case of failure by the smear test service since it was set up in 1988 and follows a damning report last month of incompe tence by the service at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Instead of seeing 15,000 slides a year - as recommended under government guide-lines — the Rugby unit was having to look at only 7,500. As a result the staff lacked the necessary practice at spotting the abnormalities.

Warwickshire Health Authority decided in May to move all the screening work to the Walgrave Hospital in Cov-entry and to carry out a random test of 500 slides from among the women who had been to the Rugby hospital over the previous three years.

This showed a worryingly high number of abnormalities had been missed so yesterday the decision was taken to reassess all 18,000. The reassessment is expected to take about three months.

"The vast majority of them are certain to be all right," a spokesman said. Women may call a 24-hour helpline on 0800

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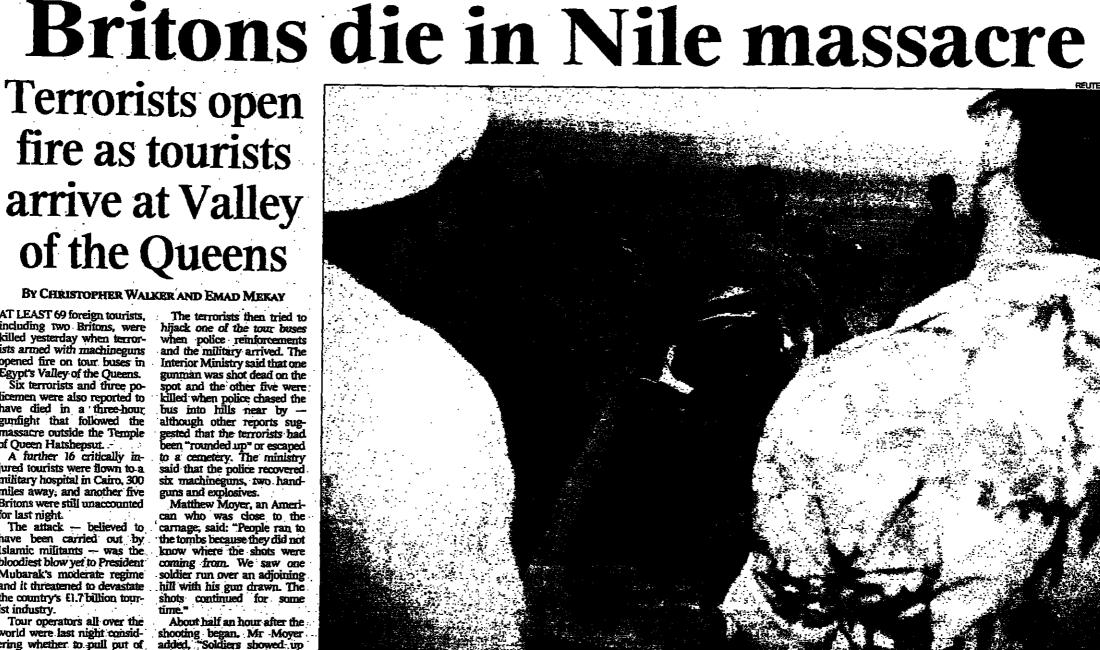
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Egyptian soldiers carry away the body of one of the six terrorists who were killed in their three-hour gun battle at the Temple of Hatshepsut

terrorist attack. We later saw at least 30 policemen rushing to the temple. It was all very

Franz Kosseler, an Austrian tourist who was a few hundred yards away, said: "First. thing we heard was strong shooting for something like half an hour. It came and went sporadically. Our tour guide said it was pigeon hunting. Then later police said it was two families feuding. Then finally policemen rushed us

with AK47 rifles and what

appeared to be grenade launchers and went up into

the surrounding hills and we

heard shots continuing after

reports that a third had died. Four others were either missing or unaccounted for.

Luxor is used both as a base Officials were unable to for tourists visiting the Pharaidentify all of the tourist victims as many had left their onic tombs in the Valleys of the Kings and Queens on the west bank of the Nile and as a starting point for Nile cruises. passports at their hotels, but the Swiss Embassy in Cairo About 250 boats are cruising reported that 25 were Swiss, the river at any one time, and nine were Japanes, seven Germans, two British and a many have shifted their base Bulgarian were among the

to Luxor from Cairo because

ter, Dr Mamdouh El Beltagui, was in London trying to boost the number of Britons visiting his country. He said: "We ar shocked and we feel sorrow

about what has happened today. I can't predict what is going to happen about tour-ism, but our Government is doing all it can to ensure travellers' safety." But even as he spoke, tour operators were making ar-

rangements to pull their customers out. Saga Holidays, which caters for the over-50s. said it was bringing all clients out of the country and cancelling its flights to Eygypt until further notice. Forty of its travellers were being flown to Cairo last night to await a flight to Heathrow tomorrow.

Thomson, which has 1,300 tourists in Egypt, said it was cancelling its three flights to the country tomorrow and was bringing home early any-one who did not want to stay. Thomas Cook said: "Anyone who wants to leave will be

flown home early and anyone

due to travel can get their money back or transfer to another destination." Up until yesterday, 34 for-

eigners had been killed in the terror campaign designed to force President Mubarak to accept the Islamic code Sharia. The deadliest attack was in April last year when 18 Greek tourists, who were mistaken for Israelis, were killed near the Pyramids of Giza.

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#### firing indiscriminately on tourists when they climbed out of their buses. As the tourists into a nearby temple where we dead. The Foreign Office conof fears of attacks there. ducked for cover, police guarding the site fired back. had to hide for over 40 firmed that two Britons had Yesterday's attack came as minutes. They told us it was a been killed and there were the Egyptian tourism minis-Tories say league tables MPs to question Jowell over ban

By JOHN O'LEARY AND DAVID CHARTER

Formula One from the EU tobacco sponsorship ban. MPs on the European Legislation TORIES claimed that their Committee will interrogate her before deciding whether the issue should be debated in the educational policies had been vindicated yesterday as cate-gories of school created by the last Government in the teeth of Labour hostility dominated tables of those that had most Russian allies improved.

Shell and BP yesterday announced alliances with Russian partners worth \$1.7 billion and aimed at developing huge gas reserves in

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Four city technology col-leges appear in the 20 most improved schools in tables published today, while a third of those whose scores have risen for three successive years are grant maintained. Legislation to be introduced in the next few weeks will abolish grant maintained status.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, singled out three of the most-improved local authority schools for special praise and Ministers stressed the value to parents of listing more than one year's results.

But Stephen Dorrell, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said the tables showed that grant-maintained schools and city technology colleges were among the best performing schools in England.

vindicate their policy

Why does Mr Blunkett insist on destroying the grant-maintained system when the evidence points so unambig-

Of the 4,000 schools, 240 have shown increased GCSE scores every year since 1994. Seventy-four of those are grant maintained, although the sector represents less than a quarter of secondary schools. Harris City Technology College, Upper Norwood, south London, has shown the most improvement over the period, while three of the 15 CTCs also appear near the top of the improvement table.

Senior government sources denied any embarrassment over the composition of the list. This is a good cross-section of schools of all categories in all areas of the country. Of course a representative

And opponents of Tory policy said the success of CTCs and grant maintained schools reflected the extra funding they received from the last Government and covert selection policies adopted by many schools. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the Nat-ional Union of Teachers, said: "Local authority schools have not had a level playing field on which to compete with CTCs

and grant maintained schools. Other unions said the tables were misleading because they took no account of schools intakes. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers. said the tables were "dangerously unreliable" and regretted that the Government had persisted with a system of measurement which did not identify the best or worst

GCSE results. Almost 100 schools, three-



"I'm happy with the school tables, it's the Premiership table I think is unreliable"

five high-grade GCSEs. Of them, Withington Girls' School, in Manchester, registered the highest A-level score. Buckinghamshire, which still runs a grammar school system, tops the local author-

ity table for the first time, after splitting from Milton Keynes Council in the Local Government Review in April. The most improved local

authority is the east London borough of Newham.

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### MI5 reveals secrets of the spies

CLASSIFIED MI5 files released yesterday describe how German spies used simple femon juice and cau de cologne as "invisible" ink (Michael Evans writes). They even put a secret message on The documents, the first MI5 files to be published in the organisation's 88-year history, were released by the Public Record Office at Kew. They underline the serious threat posed by German spies before and during the First World War. But M15, then a tiny group broke up their

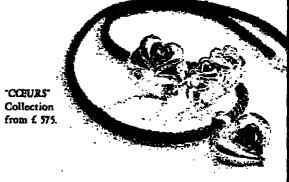
The files reveal that one spy had special codenames for warships - "Pirates of Penzance" for destroyers, and "Modern Eve" for new small cruisers. Another spy called battleships "Dutch cheese". The files also reveal how

Sinn Fein plotted to help German troops and arms land on the west coast of Ireland at the end of the war.

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### quarters of them independent. proportion will be GM saw all their candidates pass City high-flyer prepares to turn from Mammon

WHERE St Francis led, one of the City's highest-flying young executives is to follow. Jim O'Donnell, chief executive officer at HSBC James Capel, is to forsake the riches of an international stockbroking career to become a

priest.
Mr O'Donnell, 36, a towering former American football player and native of New York, astonished colleagues when a memo announcing his career change was circulated yester. Mr O'Donnell now earns up to £1

laughter. He is hardly known for being spiritual," said one.

The man himself was reluctant to discuss whether, like St Francis, his new life of poverty and prayer had followed a vision or if he had been thinking long and hard on Matthew's words about cameis, eyes of needles, nich men and the Kingdom of Heaven.

The average earnings of a Catholic priest in the United States are \$10,000 (£5,880) a year, although board and lodging and a car are also provided. day:
There was general disbelieving he has wisely invested some of that —

as he of all people should have done --he is unlikely to be too hard up. Mr O'Donneli cheerfully referred callers to a spokeswoman yesterday. "He is to pursue a vocation in the Catholic priesthood," she said. "It's a very

Shanghai Bank, at the end of next

personal decision." Mr O'Donnell will relinquish his London post as chief executive of the equities division of the company. which is owned by the Hong Kong and

He will then give up transatlantic hopping to continue as chief executive officer of HSBC Markets Inc in New

religious career will begin in earnest, probably in America. "He's a giant," said Krishna Patel, his deputy, who will take over in the hot seat. "But he's a very gentle giant."

Bernard Asher, his chairman, said he would be sad to lose him. "But I am not losing him in the sense that one loses people to competitors or industry and so on.

To lose someone to the church is rather unique. I think it is rather a tribute to have people working for you who have the strength of character to decide to go into the church."

# Finding the right punchline for an ethics girl

adam Speaker, cried Si-mon Hughes, MP, yesterday, opening a Liberal Democrat-inspired debate on something or other. "We are the people's constructive Opposition."

MPs headed in droves for the gangways and exits in a kind of panic journalists followed. If there is one thing worse than namecalling and vulgar abuse (which of course all MPs deplore) it is constructive opposition. All of us are in favour of reasonable debate, so long as we do not have to listen to it: and to voice the word "reasonable" in the Commons chamber produces a similar effect to shouting "fire" in a crowded theatre. Happily, the session preceding Mr Hughes's debate positively

bristled with anger, ambush, fear and loathing — and that was just between social security ministers in the same government. Principal protagonists in this puff-adders' nest are Harriet Harman. Secretary of State, and Frank Field, her Minister of State.

Something about the Social Security Secretary's karma whispers

One way the merciless Field likes to terrorise his prey is to copy the technique of snake stalking bird. Yesterday, Field never uttered, nor moved, until more than halfway through the session. He scarcely seemed to breathe, but stared immobile and unblinking in her direction. Once, after about half an hour of this war of nerves, Field



suddenly did move. I saw Harman flinch. But he was bluffing. He moved only to fetch himself a glass

or water, then returned to his noiseless, serpentine vigil.

As a bird can be perified by this icy aggression, so Harriet Harman seemed somewhat hypnotised, trance-like, as she spoke Yesterday, with Field eyeballing remorselessly, her chirrup took a desperate edge. This may explain why she began intoning, like a mantra, the same eight words. Over and over again, in a sort of chant, she

"Reforming-the-welfaredroned, state-around-the-work-ethic".

We began waiting for the little ning on a bell, employed by adherents of the Shinto religion, apparently to bring the thing they

Richard Spring (C, W Suffolk) asked about help for the disabled. reforming-the-welfare-state-around-the-work-ethic channed Miss Harman. Ting we thought Dennis Skinner (Lab. Bolsover) called Labour's promise to stick to reforming-the-welfare-statearound-the work-ethic". chanted Harman. Ting. Christopher Chope (C, Christ-church) mentioned single mothers

year quarantine" for socialism. "

reforming-the-welfare-state-around-the-work-ethic, chanted Harman. Ting.

She is not the only culprit. Gordon Brown keeps grunting "anend-to-the economics-of-boom-and-bust" (9 words) while Tony Blair is much given to "education-[housing/health or whatever] forthe many and not the few? (eight

Ting, Ting Maybe the Government has

to achieve their heart's desire all they need do is announce a review. then start chanting the appropriate eight or nine-word mantra over and over again — until the thing just happens, of its own accord.

Bafflement settles: Upon Madam Speaker it is closer to fury. Yesterday, asked by Norman Baker (Lib Dem, Lewes) how to persuade ministers to make announcements affecting his constituents in the chamber rather than Sunday newspapers, Miss Boothroyd deplored the habit angrily. He should put down a question at once, "seeking information as to how and why". "It would be helpful to me in

to Hague

By Nicholas Wood

WILLIAM HAGUE was fac-

ing a renewed threat of defection from Tory ranks

over the single currency last night. The pro-Europe MP Peter Temple-Morris intends to tell local party workers that

be will not be a Conservative

candidate at the next election

unless Mr Hague drops his

Mr Temple-Morris's threat

came as a Tory peer who chaired one of the Conserva-

tives' most influential think-tanks defected to the Liberal

Democrats. Lord Thomas of

Swynnerton who, as Hugh Thomas, headed the Centre

for Policy Studies for 11 years

until 1990, said that he had

party's policy on economic

and monetary union. He said

the party's attitude to the EU

had "become ever more criti-

also tell his party in Leonin-ster that if the Tories pursue a

rabidly anti-European stance

would not come into effect

until October 2001. Sports

would then be given a further

two years to replace their

European legislation commit-

tee will press for a Commons

debate on tobacco sponsorship

before the council of health

ministers meeting on Decem-

The 16-member committee

will Ms Jowell tomorrow over

three key issues: whether a

tobacco advertising ban goes

against the objectives of a

single market; what the full text of the directive is; and how

the Government justifies its

argument that 50,000 jobs are

It is widely expected that the Labour dominated Commons

tobacco sponsors.

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what I'm trying to do," she added

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

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### Hospitals cut back as debts mount up

More than half the 120 health authorities in Britain expect to end the financial year in debt, despite the extra £300 million the Government found for them last month, according to a survey by the NHS Confederation.

in order to try to make ends meet. 75 per cent of the overspending authorities are planning to cut services and 18 per cent are being forced to close hospital wards or units. In 46 per cent of hospitals, waiting times for non-emergency operations have been extended to the maxi-

#### mum 18 months. Treasury post

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has appointed John Major's former press secretary to a Treasury post. Gus O'Donnell is to be director of the Treasury's macroeconomic policy and prospects directorate. He replaces Sir Alan Budd, who has retired.

### Fees campaign

The Government is spending more than £400,000 on a publicity campaign to end confusion over the introduction of £1,000 university tuition fees. Students and parents will be advised to call a telephone advice line or apply for an information leafler.

### Hospital pays

Carolann Paul from Aberdeen, whose daughter Michelle, 15, died of liver failure after taking Ecstasy two years ago, won an out of court settlement from Aberdeen Hospital NHS Trist which treated Mi-chelle It did not accept fability for her death.

### Outck brief

Clients will be able to brief barristers without first paying for a solicitor under a pilot scheme launched today. The Bar Council's 12-month project involves seven advice bureaux, housing charity, and 18 sets of chambers.

### £6m for estate

An estate in the Cairngorms foothills has been sold for an estimated £6 million to a Danish company. Danstrup Lund Holdings was confirmed as the buyer of the 42,000-acre Glenfeshie estate, where Landseer painted Monarch of the Glen.

### Heart pioneer

Billy Daine, 59, has left Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire 48 hours after becoming the first patient outside America to be given an operation where a tiny laser gun, inserted by a catheter. blasts the heart with beams to assist blood flow.

### Data charge

Simon Regan, publisher of the satirical magazine Scallywag, has appeared before magistrates in London charged with illegal possession of computer files containing personal information belonging to Michael Portillo, the former Defence Secretary.

### Go-to-jail card

The first prisoners arrived at Parc prison, near Bridgend, South Wales, where each immate is to be issued with a swipe card holding personal details. Computers control security. If the system and its keys will be used.

### Rebel MP EU presses ahead with euro council renews his threat

Brushing aside Britain's doubts,

ll member states voted to set up a body to help to bring in monetary

union, reports Charles Bremner

BRITAIN and three smaller EU states were given a glimpse yesterday of life outside the single currency when the other 11 countries ignored their objections and pushed ahead with plans for a new council to manage the euro.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and finance ministers from Sweden, Denmark and Greece received a polite hearing when they complained about their Governments' likely exclusion from the new euro council, a body in which the countries due for monetary union plan to co-ordinate their policy. Though theoretically informal, the forum is likely to become a power centre, sapping the authority of the full 15-member Ecofin council.

Ministers reassured the outsiders that Ecofin would remain the forum for official business and lawmaking and they promised to keep them informed. However it was made clear that the best they could hope for was an observ-

France took the strongest line against against the "outs". Dominique Strauss Kahn, the Finance Minister, said all II likely euro members backed the creation of a council.

come about, so it is better that we do it in an organised framework," he said.

The non-member four were "wrong to feel excluded", he said. Non-members on the verge of joining monetary union should be given special association, he said but the rules he proposed would exclude Britain unless it signed up to the exchange-rate mechanism or took steps to join the currency at a set date in the near future.

Mr Brown put his case to Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, in a private meeting, and won an assurance that Britain would not be cut out of decision-making. The Germans also said Britain would obviously have no vote when it came to running policy in the euro zone.

The Chancellor played down the skirmish, saying the "nobody pushed any proposals today to a final conclusion ... I am quite satisfied that we are in a strong position to protect British interests."

The Scandinavian ministers took a sharper line, denouncing the euro council as a dangerous scheme that could divide the EU. Marianne Jelved, the Danish minister,



Gordon Brown with Theo Waigel, German Finance Minister, who said Britain would not be cut out of decisions

the Maastricht treaty for the new body. "I fear the consequences will be a splitting of the union," she said.

The 15 ministers hope to settle the council squabble before next month's EU summit in Luxembourg. Fureuro, they agreed yesterday that the currency's notes and coins would be introduced on January 1, 2002. This was the last possible date set by EU leaders in 1995. The ministers also approved a final design for the coins after restoring

islands that had not figured on the original etching on one side of the coins. "You need a magnifying glass to see them, but they're all there," said Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian minister.

The finance ministers were

on a package of job-creating policies that EU leaders will launch at a summit in Luxembourg on Friday. Mr Brown hailed the summit package as a largely British-inspired effort that would create a "major breakthrough in the way that

for the rest of this Parliament, he will resign the Tory whip and sit as an "Independent One-Nation Conserva-tive". Last mouth Mr Temple-Morris only pulled back from defecting to Labour after a supportive interven-tion by Michael Heseltine."

Jowell faces censure

# over tobacco decision

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TESSA JOWELL faces criticism tomorrow from a Commons watchdog over the Government's decision to exempt Formula One from the European Union's tobacco

MPs on the European Legislation Committee intend to interrogate the Public Health Minister on Britain's position on the EU directive before deciding whether the issue should be debated in the Commons. The move came as it emerged that the Government is now considering a compromise over the Formula One exemption which has provoked the most damaging political row since the election.

Health ministers are deter mined to ensure EU-wide agreement for a tobacco sponsorship ban at the next meeting of the council of ministers on December 4, but Britain's present position is for an indefinite exemption for Formula One. Whitehall officials indicated yesterday that ministers may agree instead to an exemption of seven or even five years in order to save the directive.

There is still two and a half weeks to go before the meeting next month," one official said. Padraig Flynn (the EU Social Affairs Commissioner made



December the EU directive







clear that he would not agree to a total exemption. But we hope to reach a common position on December 4." Health officials have been talking to their European counterparts over the past few weeks in an attempt to reach agreement. But they point out that the directive is still being blocked by a minority of countries including Germany. Greece, Denmark, the Netherlands and Austria, which have different negotiat-

ing positions.

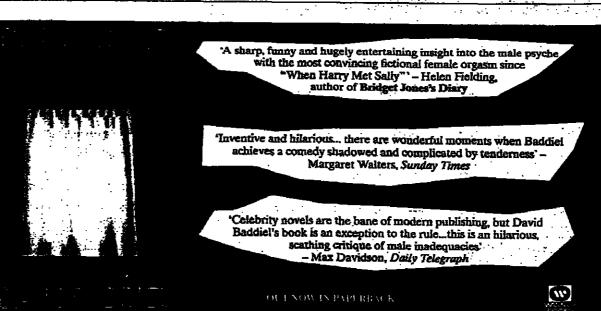


If agreement is reached in



Mr Jowell technically needs clearance from the committee before she can officially agree a deal over the EU directive on tobacco advertising next month. The committee has a duty to examine all draft laws from Brussels on behalf of Parliament. If they are unsatisfied with Ms Jowell's reason for the Formula One exemption, they can refuse to give the Minister clearance to sign up to the directive. The committee can then demand a full debate in the House or in committee

before any deal is done.





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then faking a car crash because he had fallen for his interpreter in Bosnia. Michael Horsnell reports mount up IT LOOKED like an horrific car accident when a squadron leader's wife died during an evening out with her husband STORY OF THE STORY after he had returned from peacekeeping duties in Bos-nia. Carol Tucker, 52, was electrical and a second the transfer and the state of t found face down in a river, Her husband lay near by with

a minor wound on his forehead. But the accident near their home at Honington, Suffolk, was faked, a court was told yesterday. Nicholas Tucker had first strangled his wife then left her in the water, because he had been having an affair with a blonde interpreter half his age during his

service in the war zone. Unknown to his family, he had made a secret trip to London during his Bosnian service, bringing his young mistress for a stay at the Royal Air Force Club in Piccadilly, the jury was told.

David Stokes, QC, for the prosecution, told Norwich Crown Court said that, even when Mr Tucker, 46, was on bail accused of murder, he had booked an air ticket for Dijana Dudokovic, 21, to fly from Belgrade to Zurich, Mr Stokes said: The Crown's case is he murdered his wife as he was infatuated by a much younger woman with whom he had been carrying on an illicit affair. So intense was it, it affected the operational effectiveness of his team."

Squadron Leader Tucker denies murder. He has a. daughter, Vanessa, 19, and son James, 15, and was asdaughter, Vanessa, 19, and by a colleague, Flight Lieuten-son James, 15, and was as-signed to Bosnia as a UN told the court that the Squad-



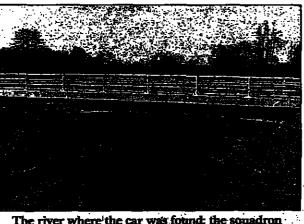
A squadron leader is accused of murdering his wife

Bertrand du Pasquier: said to have seen letters

military observer in January 1995 on a six-month tour of duty which he sought to have extended. There was no fighting where he was stationed in the northern sector of the war zone, with a Royal Marine officer and two interpreters, including Miss Dudokovic.
Mr Stokes said that, on June

15, 1995, Miss Dudokovic was granted a visa to visit Britain. letter written by Squadron Leader Tucker on a United Nations Protection Force notepaper supported her application, guaranteeing that he would accept responsibility for her and that she would stay at

But after flying from Bel-grade to Heathrow, she stayed with him at the RAF Club where the couple were spotted



The river where the car was found: the squadron leader put his speed at 50mph! Police said 10mph

ron Leader Tucker did not respond to her smile: "He was with a woman in her 20s, five feet eight or five feet nine, very slim, very attractive with long, blonde curly hair."

He returned to Bosnia and then came home again. During that time, he had been to see a doctor and complained of "genital discomfort". He said that he had last had sex two weeks earlier with his Serbian girlfriend. Prior to that, he had not had sex for

Mr Stokes said: "During that time he made a number of telephone calls to Bertrand du Pasquier in Geneva, who was accommodating Miss Dudo-kovic at his address, and he saw letters proclaiming love from this defendant for this girl it may be his feelings were not reciprocated and she may have been using him. That is the way of the world."

On July 21, 1995, the day his wife was to die, the squadron leader had allegedly made a 38-minute telephone call to his mistress after Mrs Tucker had left for work at a garage. That evening, he took his wife to the Red Lion at Icklingham — "a curious choice," said Mr Stokes, because Mrs Tucker was not impressed by the establishment. The couple allegedly left the

pub at 10pm, though it could have been earlier, and there was a gap between their departure and the discovery of their Ford Fiesta in the River Lark by the Allo. Squadron Leader Tucker

was later to tell police that he swerved to avoid deer on the road. The prosecution case is that the defendant deliberately drove his car into the river," said Mr Stokes. According to the squadron

leader, he swerved at 50 miles an hour, but an accident investigating officer estimated the speed at 10 miles an hour. A cyclist saw the car at about 10.40pm and alerted police. Minutes later, he and a motorist heard a groaning sound, and found the husband lying outside the car with his head just above the water. When they pulled him clear he was shouting 'Carol, Carol.' His wife's body was found submerged under the bridge.



Nicholas Tucker: the court heard he did not return the smile of a female comrade when she saw him with blonde

Later, at West Suffolk Hospital, the court was told, a police officer heard Squadron Leader Tucker crying out: "If only I hadn't told her to jump."

Peacekeeper 'came home to kill'

Mr Stokes told the jury that the defendant could not explain how his blood was on the passenger side door and by the rear passenger window. David Harrison, a Home

Office pathologist, found bruising on the dead woman's chest consistent with finger pressure, grip marks, abra-sions and pinpoint haem-orrhages in the eyes consistent

with asphyxia. Mr Stokes said: "She was put into the by her husband, but before he did so he applied pressure to her neck. Whether asylum matter. Released on

that rendered her unconscious bail, he made inquiries on cannot be ascertained."

December 18, 1995, at a travel Squadron Leader Tucker agency where, using the false was arrested on August 18 name of Jack Drayer, he was six days after he had drawn said to have bought a £421 1.000 German Marks in cash return air ticket for Miss from a bank, and after he had Dudokovic to fly from Belcontacted both the Immigragrade to Zurich. tion Advisory Service and the Refugee Legal Centre on an

The case continues today when the jury will visit the scene of the crash.

### Banks in **Jamaica** match at Wembley

By JOHN GOODBODY AND MATT DICKINSON

TONY BANKS, the Minister for Sport, was at the centre of another political dispute yesterday when it was claimed that he had promised to arrange a friendly match at Wembley next spring between England and Jamaica, who qualified for the World Cup finals for the first time on

Sunday. The Football Association said yesterday that England would not be playing Jamaica, whose team are known as the Reggae Boyz, before the finals in France. However, the FA said it would "certainly bear them in mind" as opponents over the following two years.

Jamaican officials said that

Mr Banks had promised the fixture when he was in Trini-dad with the FA last month, attempting to get backing for England's attempt to stage the 2006 World Cup.

A spokeswoman for En-gland's campaign denied that the decision had damaged the bid. She said: "It has not harmed it, but this was not an issue in any case."

As Jamaica's 25 million inhabitants celebrated a public holiday yesterday to mark the team's triumph. Rene Simoes, the coach, said: "A member of our federation met the English delegation in Trinidad. They discussed the possibility of a friendly at Wembley in the spring, provided we had qualified for the World Cup. Obviously we would love to

play at Wembley and maybe, with many Jamaicans in England, they can apply some pressure on the FA. We shall just have to wait and see. We are coming to Europe for the World Cup draw next month and we have many offers of games to discuss." A spokesman for the minis-

ter said: "Mr Banks did not say that he could make it happen, but that he could pass on details to the FA. It is obviously not in the minister's power to arrange England games. It's in the hands of the FA, and it has a lot of requests from teams wanting to play England."

World Cup, pages 52, 56

# Briton shot in Bahamas for sake of a gold chain

Robbers killed tourist as he left island restaurant, reports Emma Wilkins

A BRITISH businessman was shot dead in front of his wife during a street robbery while on holiday in the Bahamas. Jonathan Porton, 41, was killed by robbers who took

only a small gold chain, according to his wife, Shelley. Mr Porton, his wife and another couple were attacked by two armed, masked robbers as they left the Stone Crab restaurant in Freeport, Grand Bahama on Thursday. He was shot in the heart at close range as he tried to protect the other

Mr Portman, whose family

East of England, was born in Leeds and went to Thornhill School in Sunderland. His body was flown to Leeds yesterday.

The Portons, who emigrated to Portugal 11 years ago, had two children. Hayley, 15 and Daniel, 12. Mrs Porton flew to Britain at the weekend with her children after the murder.

The children were staying on Grand Bahama with their parents and Mr Porton's mother, Josephine, but did not see the shooting.

Mrs Porton said: "We were getting into the car when two owned businesses in the North men in balaclavas told us to

hand over our money and valuables. It was horrific. Jonathan went to help one of our friends who was struggling with the robbers. He pushed him back and shot him in the heart. They then tried to force us back into the car and drive off with us inside. But instead they ran off. All they took was a gold

and I have no idea what we are going to do. I have lost one of the most precious things to me, for a small gold chain. It seems so senseless and cruel." Mr Porton was a well-

"My children are devastated



Jonathan and Shelley Porton were attacked by robbers as they left a restaurant

North East, where his family owned Lerman's, a toy company. When his uncle, Leonard Lerman, retired in 1986, Mr Porton left Britain for Val de Loba, Portugal.

A former Durham county squash player, Mr Poruman opened a squash club in the Algarve and developed a chain of eight restaurants called Julia's Beach.

Jonathan Jackson, 45. Mr Portman's cousin, said: "He was a lovely man, larger than life, and had so many friends. I don't know how his family

will cope, it's tragic."

John Rolles, Commissioner
of Police in Freeport, said he wanted to reassure visitors that attacks on tourists were extremely rare. "It was an isolated and random incident. The Bahamas is a peaceful and beautiful place. Like any other city we have our problems but we look after tourists. They are welcome here.
The victim was not target-

ed as a tourist. There were other people in the restaurant natives and tourists — it just so happened that the robbers were there when these people came out." he said

The Foreign Office said there was no particular travel advice for British holidaymakers visiting the Bahamas because the islands had no history of violence towards

### Tearful fiancé threw ring in sea hirthday and had plans for the day. It

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A DISGRUNTLED bachclor whose A DISUKUNILED outness wasse france forgot his birthday appeared in court yesterday after he took her £2,000 diamond engagement ring and threw it into the sea.

Simon Bills-Holland, 32, was charged with their. But a judge took pity on him after hearing that he was still paying for the 18-carat gold ring. The court heard that Bills-Holland, an engineer, became upset when Rita Scamark forgot his birthday. Nicola Harris, for the prosecution,

was apparent that she had forgotten his special day and he became upset. He took the engagement ring from her jewellery box and left. Miss Seamark noticed he seemed to be sad. She later

discovered the ring was missing." Cardiff Crown Court was told that Bills-Helland dreve to a cliff top at Lavernock, South Glamorgan, where he broke down in tears. He threw the ring, encrusted with 14 diamonds, into the Bristol Channel. Miss Seamark, 33, called the police, saying the ring a lesson."

had been stolen and Bills-Holland was arrested. He confessed to taking it, saying he was desperately upset about his forgotten birthday. Police divers

searched for it, but to no avail.

Bills-Holland, of Barry, South Glamorgan, admitted theft. He was given a conditional discharge by Judge Michael Gibbon and ordered to pay £30 costs. The court heard that the couple had broken off their engagement.

After the hearing, Bills-Holland said: "I've had coough of the female of the species for now. This has taught me



# Clegg was convicted over wrong bullet, appeal told

Protesters removed from hearing as paratrooper makes his third appeal over girl he shot dead in stolen car, reports Martin Fletcher

LEE CLEGG, the paratrooper convicted of murdering a teenage joyrider in Belfast, was found guilty on the evidence of the wrong bullet, it was

As the High Court in Belfast began hearing a third attempt to clear his name, his lawyers said that he had been sentenced after a ruling that the bullet which killed 18-year-old Karen Reilly had been fired into the back of the car and was therefore an excessive use

Anthony Scrivener, QC. said that tests had since shown that the bullet would have fragmented before reaching Miss Reilly in the back seat, so that fatal shot must have been one of three which Clegg fired into the side of the car in egitimate self-defence.

The first day of what is

expected to be a week-long hearing was briefly disrupted by republican demonstrators who stood and shouted slogans such as "Free republican prisoners". "Double stan-dards" and "No justice, no peace", before being forcibly removed from the public gallery.

Clegg, a member of the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment, was part of an patrol that opened fire on a stolen Vauxhall Astra as it accelerated through a West Belfast checkpoint in September 1990. Miss Reilly and the 17-year-old driver, Martin Peake, both

It was later established that

she was killed by one of four bullets fired by Clegg. He was charged with murder and tried without a jury. A

judge sentenced him to life

Karen Reilly: parents in court

imprisonment in 1993. Clegg was released on licence to 1995, following a huge public campaign in Britain which triggered riots in nationalist

The Court of Appeal and

louse of Lords dismissed his first two attempts to have his conviction overturned, but earlier this year Sir Patrick Mayhew, then Northern Ireland Secretary, granted him leave to appeal a third time. Clegg, now 29 and an army PT instructor at Catterick, North Yorkshire, was not in court yesterday. However his parents were present, as were Miss Reilly's parents.

Mr Scrivener said that Clegg had been convicted "on the basis of opinions without any expert ever having con-ducted a single test". Neither the prosecution nor the de-fence had tested the opinion of a forensic expert.

For the appeal, he said, the defence had since "instructed a forensic expert to carry out a series of tests, firing bullets at an identical Astra car to see what results were achieved". The basis of the conviction was that the fatal bullet had gone through the back of the

A bullet did go through the back, but that bullet would have fragmented and could not have killed Karen Reilly. The fatal bullet went sideways through the rear passenger door, Mr Scrivener said. Reginald Weir, the Crown

counsel, said: "The whole new theory is so inherently improbable that it just doesn't stack up with other evidence."



## PC guilty of kicking student 20 times

By Stewart Tendler

A POLICEMAN who kicked a student 20 times after a disturbance at a pub was convicted at the Old Bailey yesterday of

assault and affray.
PC Paul Evans, 32, was found guilty of assaulting Ben Swarbrick in May 1994 when officers from Stoke Newington police station in North London, were called out to an incident at the Putlog pub.

Mr Swarbrick told the court

that Evans told him to turn then began to kick him. He told the officer that he wanted to see his face and said that Evans had replied: "You'll remember my face until the day you die, and that is going

Evans, who has been a policeman for ten years, as-sured the court that he was a tolerant, liberal-minded person". He will be sentenced

Six other officers, acquitted of various charges including conspiring to pervert the course of justice, have been

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## Minister says smoking costs NHS £1.7bn

SMOKING costs the health service up to £1.7 billion a day. The Public Health Minister, who this month announced the decision to allow continuing tobacco sponsorship of Formula One racing, said the figures underlined the case for early European Union legislation to end advertising

by the industry.
"Costs of between £1.4 bil-lion and £1.7 billion a year are an appalling drain on the NHS, and an enormous human cost to smokers and their families," she said. The new calculation of smoking costs, by the Centre for Health Economics at the University of York, contrasts with earlier £610 million a year.

Smokers in Britain spend £12 billion a year buying tobacco products, and the Government receives £10.25 billion of this in duty, up from £9.82 billion last year. A further £560 million is collected in corporation tax, business rates, income tax on wages of the 148,000 staff and VAT. The tobacco industry also has a £593 million positive balance of trade, making it one of the

top export earners. The Department of Health sources is a Treasury matter. All we can say is what smok-ing costs the NHS and draw

attention to the amount of human suffering it entails." The new study estimates that an average health authority will expect to spend about El4 million a year treating smokers, including £2.5 million on GP visits and £1.5 mil-



DC3 similar to the one above to send a delega-tion to a tobacco conference in Amsterdam next weekend. The flight, from Biggin Hill in Kent, will take at least twice as long as a regular one by a jet airliner from Heathrow. This should give the 17 delegates plenty of time to light up and make the most of the fact that they are allowed to smoke all uled flights from

lion on prescriptions. "These figures show why we need tough action at both a domestic and European level to bring down rates of smoking, especially among the young, she said. "A Government White Paper, produced next year, will spell out a comprehensive range of measures?

She said give-up-smoking competitions, counselling and nicotine replacement therapy would form part of the Gov ernment's strategy. She claimed that smoking and passive smoking could lead to heart and lung problems not just for adults but for children and babies, who had a 72 per cent increased risk of respiratory disease if their mother

### Cash freeze puts RSC into red

BY PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

THE Prince of Wales yesterday for reducing the Royal Shakespeare Company to a state of "perpetual plunging it into debt for the first time in four years.

Chairing the annual gener al meeting of the RSC, of which he is president, at its base in Stratford-upon-Avon. the Prince sympathised with the "day-to-day frustrations and difficulties" brought on the company by the freezing of Arts Council funding at 1993-94 levels.

He spoke after Sir Geoffrey Cass, chairman of the council of the RSC, had given details of the company's anausi report. Reduced box office takings, lower attendances at Les Miserables, the RSC's cash cow of recent years, and the erosion of government funds as a proportion of total funding, had all contributed to a trading

loss of £1.8 million in 1996-97. Having begun the year in credit, the RSC now stands £1.6 million in the red. Sir Geoffrey said that the deficit was still manageable but could be completely wiped

out if the Government unfroze their grant. In Septem-ber the RSC submitted a bid for Lottery money to fund a feasibility study into a £75 million redevelopment of the RSC Stratford hea ters. Should that go ahead, it would be one of the biggest arts capital projects or

The company, however, is pessimistic about having its Arts Council grant unfrozen at the beginning of December. A spokesman for the company said that "all the ignals we are setting are that the Treasury is not keen on

ncreasing art subsidies". The RSC is nonetheless. continuing an aggressive Next spring the company wil transfer for three weeks to Music in New York and fo Centre in Washing

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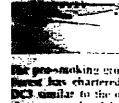
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### THE TIMES TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18 1997

# \* Cold-blooded killer cut schoolgirl's throat

More than 100 police join hunt for attacker, reports Simon de Bruxelles

SCHOOLGIRL Kate Bushell had her throat cut by a "cold-blooded, calculating" killer who probably lay in wait for her, police disclosed her. yesterday.

The 14-year-old was killed while walking a neighbour's dog along a country lane just 300 yards from her home in Exwick on the outskirts of Exeter on Saturday evening. More than 100 officers have been drafted in to help search for the killer. Detectives believe the attack may have been sexually motivated and fear he may strike again. Police have called in a

specialist "crime profiler", a behavioural psychologist, who will help draw up a profile of the killer's personality. Detective Superintendent Michael Steohens, who is leading the murder hunt, said Kate was seen by a woman motorist walking down Exwick Lane at around 5pm on Saturday. At 7.35pm her father, Jeremy, found Kate's body in a field near a stile, her throat



A policewoman watches as pupils arrive at St Thomas's High School in Exeter yesterday

knife, cutting through her throat. We have not ruled out a sexual motive to this horrific

This was a premeditated attack by someone who has control of themselves and control of the victim. This was

"ripped" open. Mr Stephens local people to search through their bins in the hope that the sharp instrument, possibly a killer may have discarded the their bins in the hope that the murder weapon. Forensic experts were still working at the scene of the crime last night, examining footprints left in the muddy ground and searching for other clues.

Police say they were no obvious signs of a struggle at the scene and will not disclose whether Kate suffered any

Jack Russell that Kate had taken for a walk, was returned to her owners yesterday after being examined by a vet. Mr Stephens appealed for

He said: We have been told more than 100 people a day use the lane for walking. exercising dogs, or as a short cut. We need to know about some suspicious people seen in the area in the last weeks or

We are asking members of the public to check their bins for anything that could be thrown away such as a knife or bloodstained clothing. We have had dozens of calls which have included various reports of suspicious people seen in the area. These are being investigated and some have been resolved."

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Davies, second-in-command of the inquiry, said: "This was a cold, calculating,



Kate Bushell, circled, with some of her classmates on a school trip last year. She was a devout church-goer

ruthless attack. It could have been somebody who followed her for some distance or been

He said all sex attacks in Exeter in the past five years were being checked and a

profiler was to join the inquiry later this week.

Kate, a talented musician and devout church-goer, left her home in Burrator Drive at 4.30pm and headed for the lane which runs behind a

training centre for the Guide Dogs for the Blind at Cleve House. Her mother Susan, 41, father and brother Tim. 16. were being comforted at their home last night by speciallytrained police family liaison

teams. Mr Bushell, 44, who took early retirement from his job in local government to become a full-time missionary and charity worker, had recently returned from a trip

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## Fearful school friends sent home in buses

By JOANNA BALE

that her killer could strike

They also received counselspecially trained teachers as they struggled to come to. first time since her murder, wept as they placed floral tributes at the gates.

One read: "It shouldn't happen to anyone, least of all you. We should all be safe around here. God's got a new angel now." Another said: "Thinking of your family at this tragic time." It was signed simply "a

Steve Maddern, the head acher, said that the school had many received messages of sympathy. He said: "The whole country is thinking about Kate and her family and

the school." He added that some pupils had been very upset and one had asked to go home. "It has been a very, very sad day. We need time to share our grief together. We need to pull together to get through this

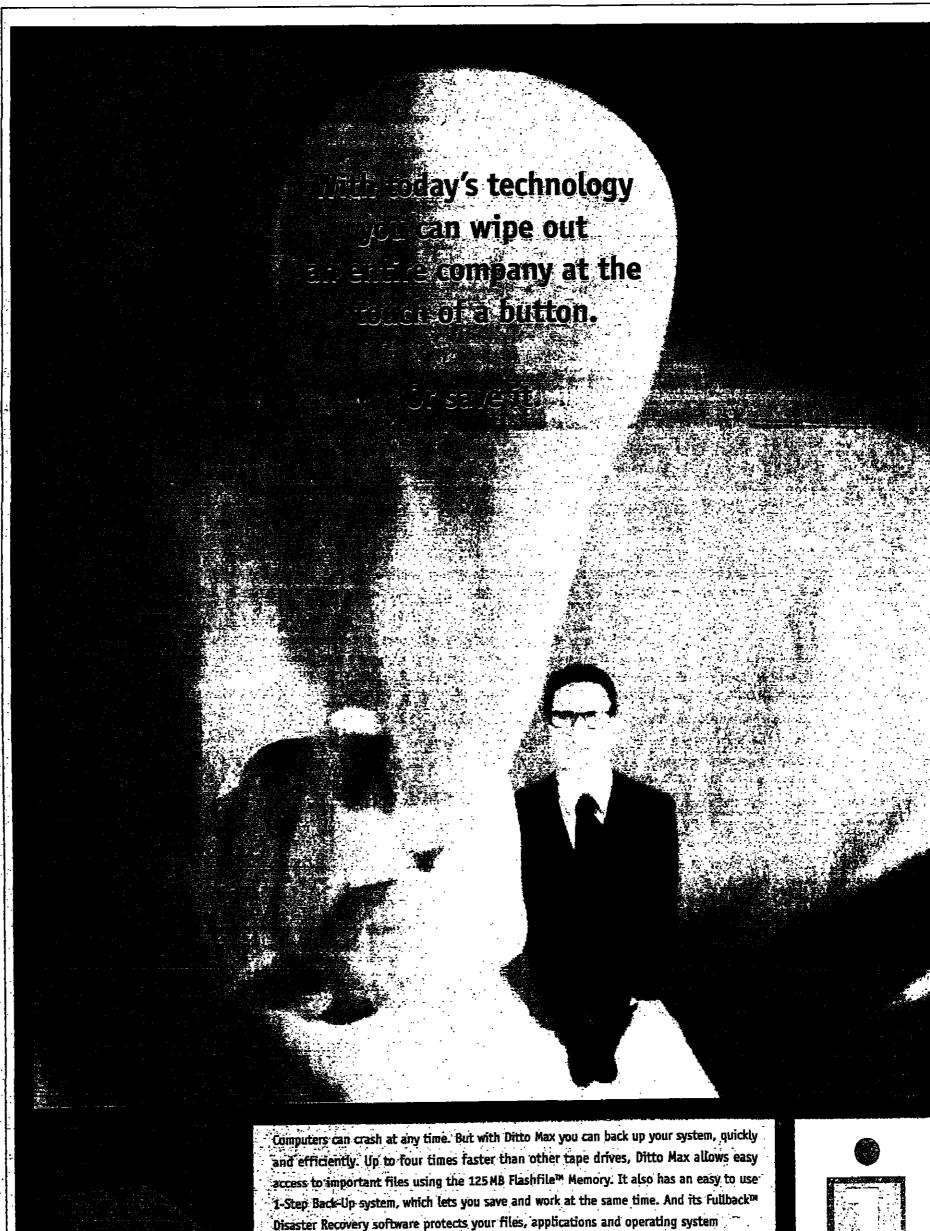
CLASSMATES of the mur-dered teenager Kate Bushell spoken to the pupils and gwere given buses home from additional buses are being put school yesterday amid fears on into the area where Kate was killed to reduce the number of students on the streets."

Mr Maddern, who became ling from a team of eight head teacher ten weeks ago, added: "It is an awful situation for us to face. But this is a terms with the crime. Many close-knit community and pupils arriving at St Thomas's school." Pupils had approached him to discuss a first time since her murder, suitable memorial. "Obviously the pupils in Year 9 who were close friends of Kate's will be feeling her loss the most but her death has affected pupils and staff throughout the school. He wided: "As a committed

Christian it was appropriate that prayers were read for Kate today by some of he friends from the Isca Christian Fellowship and Initiative in Christian Education [local evangelical groups] at this morning's assemblies.

"We will all remember Kate as someone who did the right things and always had a smile

"It is right for us all to shed a tear and to be angry about the way Kate died and for us to pray that the police will find her killer as soon as possible."



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# BA flies into Europe with no-frills service

on the cut-price, no-frills rivals by reducing fares below £100 on some of the most

competitive routes in Europe. The move brings one of the world's biggest players into a market that has been dominated by small companies offering fares as low as E19 on some domestic routes. BA is drawing up plans to intro-duce a service, independent of its main global operation, to some of the most popular destinations in Europe.

The highly competitive "no frills" sector, which offers no in-flight food or entertainment, has seen the number of passengers increase by more than 30 per cent on some routes over the past two years.

The new service, operating from Stansted airport in Essex, will fly to Italy, Spain, Scandinavia, France and Germany, although specific cities have not yet been announced. Cut-price to cities including Nice, Amsterdam and Barcelona have frequently been pegged below £100 by

Small operators feel threatened by the global giant's plans to expand into the cut-price market. Report by Arthur Leathley and Steve Keenan

the cheap-fare operators

would not be driven out. "We

will undercut any fare you

Under the project name Operation Blue Sky, the new

company, which has not yet

been named, will operate as a

separate business to BA, with

It will be headed by Barba-

ra Cassani, who was formerly

BA's general manager in the

United States and who pre-dicted yesterday that she

would transform the low-cost

airline buisness. "We will be

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cheap furniture tasteful, we

will do to the low-fare market.

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offer," said a director.

operators who have pared back costs on airport charges, commissions and administra-

Although new prices have yet to be announced for the service beginning early next year, senior BA officials made clear that they would not be trying to undercut the lowest fares currently on offer, but would provide a better quality service than the competition.

However, the announcement by BA yesterday imm-ediately sparked complaints that the national carrier would be able to use profits from its core operations to put competitors out of business. Ryanair, the leading cut-price airline, issued a warning that this market than has been

BA said that, unlike other British-based low-cost carriers, the new airline will recognise unions. Agreement has already been reached with the British Air Line Pilots Association (Balpa) and talks are being held with other unions, it added.

Richard Branson, the head of Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Express, which operates out of Brussels, said that the announcement was typical of the approach to business by which competition.

"Their plans clearly threat-en carriers such as EasyJet, Debonair and Ryanair who are already flying, or plan-ning to fly, most of these routes from their existing London bases. We would certainly support these carriers in any moves they may make to cry foul to the

Blue skies, page 33



### Mother of intention heads to the top

THE head of BA's low fares service is American-born Barbara Cassani, who has already headed the airline's attempts to make inroads into the highly competitive US

Mrs Cassani. 37. a mother of two, is a highly rated executive of whom one senior colleague said yesterday: She's ready to take on any-

one -- and she usually wins."
She insisted yesterday that
she would rid the low-fare airline industry of its "cheap and nasty image. Just because it is good value doesn't mean it needs to be a poor service," she said. "We will not be showering passengers with caviare and champagne but we can give them a better service than they are getting on low-fare routes."

Mrs Cassani has been a senior manager with BA for the past decade, with jobs ranging from sales and marketing to general manager at Gatwick airport. She was general manager of its American operations until May.

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## Fine wine bill is cheap at half the price

spent £13,091 on dinner, most of it on fine wines, could have saved themselves more than half the bill if they had eaten in Sussex instead of Mayfair.

The bill, recognised as a British record by envious competitors vesterday, was incurred at Le Gavroche, the Roux brothers' restaurant. Only £220 of the amount went

The party, three businessmen who were celebrating one of their number's 50th birthday, started with a bottle of Krug 1949, a rare champagne priced at £560. "I Inn at Chilgrove in West Sussex yesterday, "but for almost everything else they

drank I could have offered them substantial savings." The trio continued with a bottle of 1985 Le Montrachet from the Domaine de la Romanée Couti, the top white burgundy. They paid £1,400. "I just sold a bottle for £475." said Mr Phillips. whose 18th-century inn has one of the country's finest wine lists. The saving the businessmen missed: £925.

Romanée-Conti. the top grand cru red burgundy again from the DRC. They's paid £4,950. "On my list it is £1.750," said Mr Phillips. Saving: £3,200.

After one glass each the diners decided the wine was a bit young and offered the rest. to the staff, replacing it with Château Latour 1961. To. them: £2,100. At the White Horse it would have been only £995. Another £1,105

Next they chose another great claret, the Graves premier cru, Châtean Haut Britin 1945. Price: £1,950. "Really great wine", enthused them have it for £850" Afurther saving of £1,100.

To accompany dessert, these wine waiter at Le Gavroch suggested the top-flight Sauternes. Château d'Yqueni 1967, at £1,070 a bottle. "Good. choice," approved Mr Phillips, "but I would only have charged £550." Another po-

tential economy of £520.

The trio finished off with Monte Cristo A cigars at-£47.50 each and three club-measure glasses of 1900 ar-magnac brandy at £200 each. 

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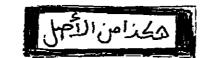
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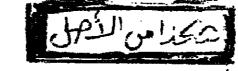
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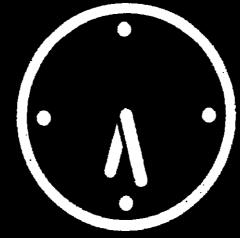
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# Coastguards fear station closures will risk lives

By Daniel McGrory and Russell Jenkins

COASTGUARDS were in open revolt last night after the service unveiled plans to shut down four coastal stations. They said that closing Liverpool. Tyne, Oban in Argyll and Bute, and Pentland in Orkney would put lives at

However John Astbury, the chief coastguard, said: They are talking rubbish about us jeopardising lives. We are not doing this to save money but to make us more efficient. We stake our reputations on that.

Glenda Jackson, the Trans-port Minister, who announced the loss of 78 jobs, came under attack from union leaders who said it was ironic that her grandfather had been a lifeboatman in Hoylake on the Wirral. Brian May, of the Public Service, Tax and Commerce Union at the Liverpool station, also condemned John Prescott, the Deputy Prime



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joining an earlier protest against cuts outside the Com-Commons proclaiming, "Don't sink the coastguards". He argued that closures could mean increased stress for staff

and predicted there would be more errors "likely to lead to loss of life".

As well as the four closures, the stations at Lee-on-the-Solent and Portland will be moved into the same headquarters and staff will be expected to help each other out during emergencies. Union leaders predicted industrial action among coastguards to resist the cuts which they

described as "appalling" and "another government U-turn". The service insists that improved digital technology in radio communication means it can safely cover 10,500 miles of coastline using only 17 stations. It hopes to pay for the technological innovation with the savings made by closing

Mr Astbury said staff would be consulted about the plan but added that the four stations would definitely close,

MILLOM ARNSIDE ARNSIDE'S' SXO FYLDE KNOTT END FLEETWOOD

king at the Liverpool coastguard station at Blundellsands, one of four earmarked for closure

implement this plan, there will be more coastguards in uniform than we had last year." Oban and Pentland will close in the next two years,

their duties being taken over by Stornoway and Clyde and Shetland and Aberdeen respectively. Liverpool and Tyne will close a year later and be covered in future from Holyhead and Bridlington. Miss Jackson said: "There

country has a proper, funded emergencies. In the UK, I and staffed service." He said the introduction of believe we have the best search and rescue service in the world and that's how I

intend to continue." John Cherrett, the coastguard representative of the public service union, said: "We are talking about peoples" lives at risk and I find this utterly appalling. We have to fight a campaign to make the Government see the stupidity

digital communications was not the answer. "People out for walks along the coast, the casual sea user, people on their little yachts at the weekend do not have VHF radios, they use mobile phones and there will be no one there to answer them."

The Liverpool station, a Blundellsands, covers one of the world's busiest industrial shipping. Outside the operations room window, tankers pass within yards of each other on choppy grey seas. Inside, officers deal efficiently with the 642nd emergency this

missing in the Dee estuary. Emergencies range from major oil spills to stranded ferries, but an increasing number concern ordinary people messing about in boats whose first call in an emergen-

year, a windsurfer reported

Blundelisands. the coastguards monitor distress calls over 700 miles of coastline. Mr May said the decision to axe the station was "totally illogical" at a time when maritime traffic was rising sharply it was a regular occurrence for the watch man ager to have to cope with three or four emergencies at a time. The stress was "phenomenal" in a job where local knowledge

was crucial to dealing swiftly

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## Theatre grants cut as lottery cash reduced

concert halls seeking National Lottery funding for capital awards limited to a maximum £15 million under a new

spending strategy announced by the Arts Council of England yesterday. Projects will be allowed to exceed £15 million only if they are deemed to be of exceptional national or international significance, and just £200 million is to be made available to cover such awards over the

Government's decision to allocate lottery funds to a sixth good cause", promoting health education and supple mentary education in de-

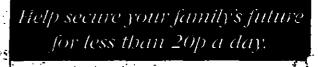
In its first 212 years, the Arts Council's National Lottery Panel made 11 awards of more than £15 million, totalling £325.5 million. The largest award was £78.5 million made to the Royal Opera House. The change could spell trouble for the application by the South Bank Centre in London

lion refit. The centre is seeking E113 million but a new, lowe

The council said because of the extra "good cause", the council's cut of the lottery cake was down from 17 per cent to below 14 per cent. Jeremy Newton, the council's lottery director, said: "We have to look carefully at the best way to allocate money." The council had also divert-

ed a third of its resources from the fund to help with the ing sinking from the current

country's finest historic houses are seeking £130 million of government funding Houses Association W represents 1,400 owners. make the appeal at its annihal general meeting today, arguing that the houses and their

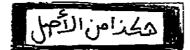




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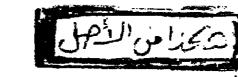
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The Green Room, damaged by fire and water from hoses, now fully restored

# Duke adds the royal touch to restored castle

The work is under budget, the quality is first-rate and the customer is happy, writes Alan Hamilton

A STAINED-GLASS window inspired by the Duke of Edinburgh and a memorial plaque identifying where the blaze started are the only obvious clues to visitors that. on the Queen's wedding anniverary five years ago, a corner of Windsor Castle was

consumed by fire.
The largest historic building restoration project in Britain this century was unveiled for media inspection yester-day by Royal Household offi-cials, who reported that the final bill would be £37 mil-lion, well below initial estimates of £60 million.

Work was completed six months ahead of schedule, after a late scramble to return the Queen's favourite residence to her in time for her golden wedding anniversary on Thursday, when she and the Duke will host a private dance for family, friends and



The blaze recorded

the royal chef, and his team were invited to the restored medieval kitchens for a catering dress rehearsal for the guests. In June, Lionel Mann, dinner-dance, but they

walked out, saying that the site was far too dusty from building work for them to cook a proper meal. They will be back on Thursday, satisfied that cleanliness has been restored.

Nine state apartments were destroyed or severely damaged and a further 100 rooms affected by the fire, which burnt for 15 hours. Some 250 firefighters poured 1.5 million gallons of water on the blaze, equivalent to two seconds' flow over Niagara Falls. The restored apartments

will be reopened to the public on December 27. Visitors to the newly created private chapel will see a stained-glass window born of some rough sketches by the Duke. It includes one panel showing a firefighter with hose in front of a burning castle, and another showing a hard-hatted workman carrying a painting to safety. Only one



Images of a workman salvaging a painting and a fireman were born of sketches by the Duke of Edinburgh

painting and one piece of furniture, both too bulky to move, were lost in the fire; the rest of the castle's art treasures were saved by the prompt action of a volunteer salvage crew, including the Duke of York.

The old private chapel, destroyed in the blaze, has been recreated as an anteroom to St George's Hall. On its wall is a plaque identifying the source of the fire, caused by a spotlight igniting a

Michael Peat, Keeper of the Privy Purse and the man responsible for the Queen's finances, said yesterday that the restoration budget included £10 million to £15 million for a sophisticated fire detection and prevention system. It is, he says, the equal of any in an historic building around the world.

Mr Peat said that the fire, on November 20, 1992, had

broken out barely a year after the Royal Household had taken over responsibility for maintaining the occupied royal palaces from the Govern-ment. They had not got around to upgrading the castle's fire alarm system.

He added that, although most of the bills had now been paid, Buckingham Palace would remain open to visitors at least until 2000, when the situation would be reviewed. Tourist takings at the Palace and at Windsor have funded 70 per cent of the restoration. the rest coming from savings in the household's annual grant-in-aid for maintenance

ture, Media and Sport. Any surplus from the Palace box-office would go to help maintain the Royal Collection, which, with half a million paintings, drawings, photographs and objets d'art, is one of the largest private art

from the Department of Cul-

collections in the world, and which receives no funding from the taxpayer. Visitors to Windsor are

likely to be impressed by the new hammerbeam roof erected in St George's Hall, the largest apartment in the castle. Designed by the architect Giles Downes, of Sidell Gibson, the roof is the largest piece of Gothic-style carpentry erected in Britain for more than two centuries. Made of green English oak from 70 trees in Hereford and Worcester, it is more than 150ft long. constructed entirely of carpentry joints without glue, bolts or screws, and is decorated with the shields of more than 700 past Knights of the

"We had to search for the craftsmen, but we eventually found them all in Britain, and they are every bit as good as craftsmen ever were," Mr Downes said yesterday. "The roof is new and not a replica of what was there before. I have tried to reinterpret Gothic for our own times, but keeping to the principles of geometry, craftsmanship and natural materials."

The whole project em-ployed some 5,000 craftsmen on and off site, and 200 specialist firms, many of them taxed to the limits of their skills.

Apparently, the customer is satisfied. At a party for contractors and craftsmen in St George's Hall on Friday, the Queen made an impromptu speech saying she was "absolutely delighted" with the

☐ The Guildhall luncheon and the gala concert at the Festival Hall to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the Oueen and the Duke of Edinburgh take place tomorrow, and not today, as reported in yesterday's editions.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### No bail for former spy held over book plans

A former M16 officer, charged under the Official Secrets Act for planning to write a book about his experiences, has had his bail application refused.

Richard Tomlinson, 34, an intelligence officer with the Secret Intelligence Service until 1995, served in Bosnia and Moscow. He was arrested in October after sending a synopsis of the book to a publisher in Aus-tralia, Bow Street magis-trates were told. Mr trates were told. Mr Tomlinson was remanded in custody until November 24.

### Barrister jailed

A barrister swindled more than £10,000 in state benefits to pay his monthly £1,350 rent in central London. Graeme Wood, 38, a lecturer, who concealed earnings from three London colleges, was jailed for a year at Knights bridge Crown Court.

#### Prison inquiry

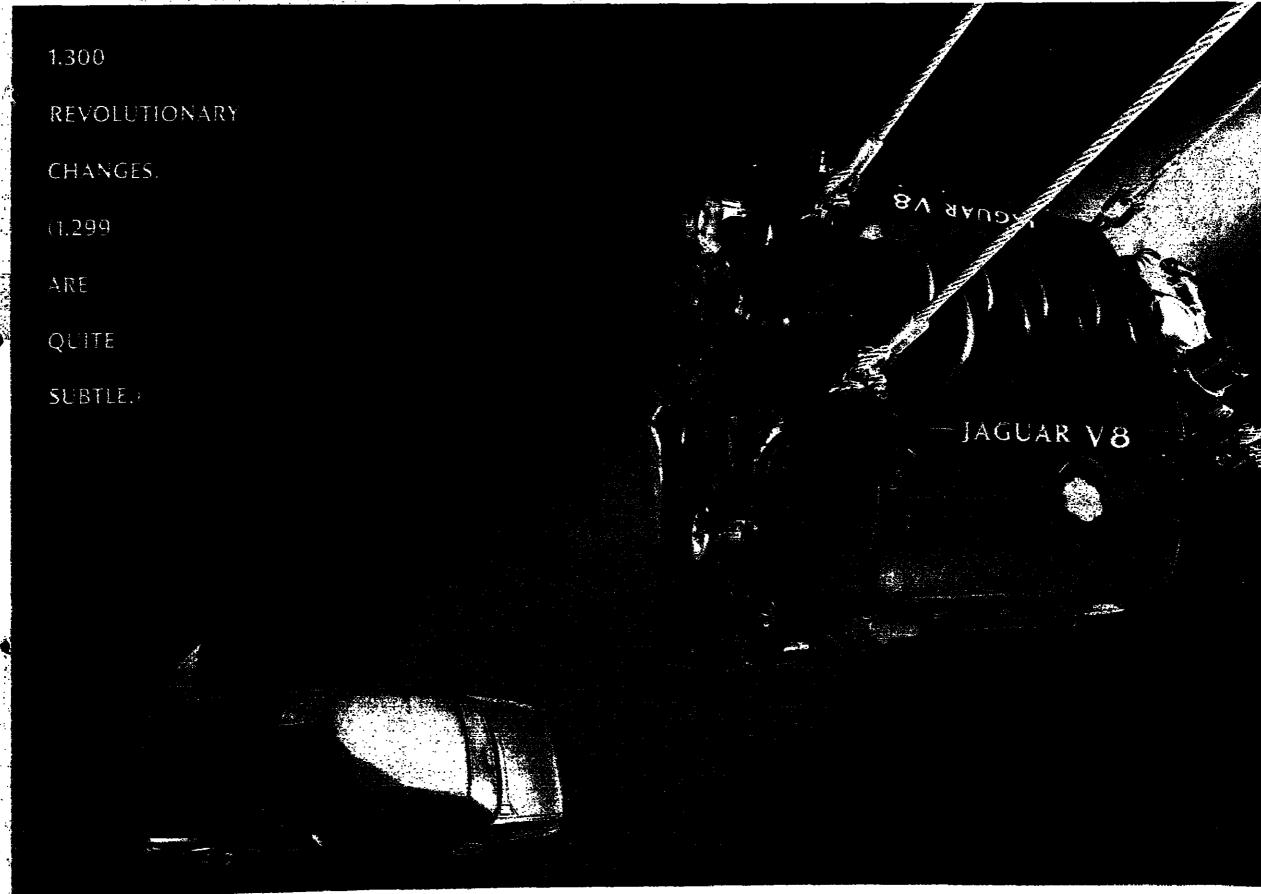
A prison officer from Wakefield jail. West Yorkshire, was suspended while police investigate allegations of blackmail. The Home Office said a decision regarding the officer's future would be made when the outcome of the inquiry was made known.

### Latex glove risks

Up to one in ten health workers who use latex gloves suffer from occupational asthma or dermatitis, according to the TUC and the National Asthma Campaign. They have launched a joint effort to alert staff to the risks of wearing the gloves.

### Webber retunes

Lord Lloyd-Webber's musical Whistle Down The Wind will open in London next summer at the Aldwych Theatre, after being reworked from last year's Washington premiere. It was inspired by a 1961 film about children who think a fugitive killer is Jesus.



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# Suicide

### bid video given to the media

By RICHARD FORD

CLOSED-CIRCUIT television footage of a man trying the media by his local council. the High Court in London was told vesterday.

Millions of viewers saw the incident on BBC's Crime Beat, leaving the impression the man had been involved in a criminal act, the court was told. In a test case, Geofrey Peck, 42, from Brentwood. Essex, is challenging the decision by Brentwood Borough Council to provide copies of the film to local and national television stations.

Richard Gordon, QC. for Mr Peck, said that, when he was picked up on the council's cameras, he was suffering from severe depression and was about to kill himself with a knife. He had lost his job and his partner was terminally ill.

The council is contesting the case and says it behaved legally and "with propriety". The hearing continues.



The mugger threatening Sloan Eagleson, 72, in the August raid and, top, Mr Eagleson yesterday



### Hostage's ordeal on bank film

DRAMATIC dosed-circuit television film of a pensioner being held hostage dura judge yesterday before he enced the robber.

The film showed Sloan Eagleson, 72, with an imitathought if the bank didn't cough up he was going to blow my head off. It was horrible," he said.

Scott Wilds, 24, from Littlehampton, West Sussex, vas jailed for nine years at Chichester Crown Court for stealing £2,500 from Lloyds Bank in Worthing

# DNA pioneer in hunt \* for beast of the moors

By MICHAEL HORNSBY YOUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

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A PIONEER of genetic fingerprinting is to conduct DNA analysis of a possible clue to the Beast of Bodmin Moor. Recent attacks on sheep and an apparent sighting by councillors on a coach trip have, renewed the belief that pumalike creatures are at large in the West Country.

The chance of very basic scientific evidence emerged this month in countryside near Torrington, Devon, when a local couple reported seeing a large brownish cat answering the call of nature. They alerted Newquay Zoo, which has passed a sample of droppings to Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys of Leicester University, who in 1984 developed

the DNA sampling technique.
Mike Thomas, the 200's managing director, said: "We are hoping that the DNA test, which could take many weeks, will throw light on the the animal and its eating habits. Over the years the zoo has received many calls from people who say they have seen



The paw prints: zoo staff say they are like a puma's but ministry wildlife experts believe it was a dog

mistaken."

Sir Alec said that if the DNA analysis suggested feline ori-gin, the data would be sent to the US National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Maryland. "A colleague has been collating a database of different felines," he said. "If - and I emphasise that - we can obtain enough evidence, they will help to determine what type of cat it is."

Mr Thomas believes he also has new evidence in the shape

of paw prints on the edge of a water pool at an old clay working near St Austell, Cornwali. He said: "A large pumalike cat was seen there by a group of county councillors on October 3. We made casts from the prints and compared them with casts taken from the zoo's pumas. The similarity was striking."

Joan Vincent, who chairs the county's planning committee, said: "There were 24 of us on the bus and at least eight

with a long upward curving

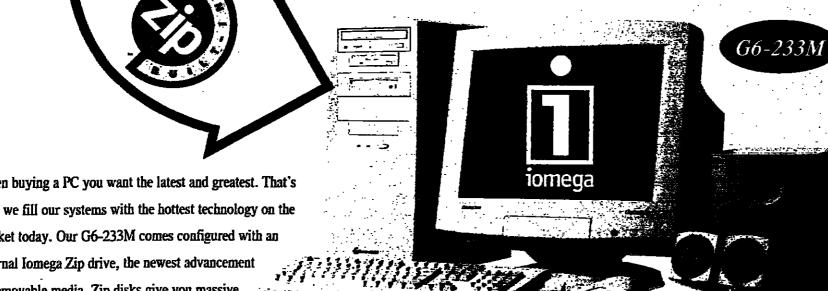
the area last week, on a landscaped clay tip owned by English China Clays Interna-tional. Loren Bracher, a company spokesman, said, "All but one died or had to be put down. They had been deeply bitten in the back of the neck Our shepherd said it did not look like the work of a dog."

Two years ago the Ministry of Agriculture said there was "no verifiable evidence" of the Beast of Bodmin Moor. The ministry said yesterday: "Our inquiry is still open. However, our experts have seen photographs of the prints near St Austell and think they are more likely to be those of a

☐ In Scotland, Fife police believe that a fuzzy film taken by a local woman of a large! feline creature is the best evidence so far of the existence of the Beast of Cupar. PC George Redpath said: "My

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The 11,000 volunteers who took part in the 13-year study included vegetarians, semivecetarians and meat eaters. The research showed that the biggest risk factor for death from heart disease was total consumption of animal fat and cholesterol, rather than

There was little evidence of any one food offering protection, with the possible exception of nuts. "Nuts are good sources of vitamin E, other linoleic acid," the researchers say in the journal Heart.

Vegetarianism was associated with a slight, but not significant, fall in the death rate. Death rates were higher among cheese and egg caters than among those who ate a lot of meat and milk.

Scientists from Oxford University, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the University of Otago, New Zealand, collaborated on the

### eaters are sales soar as lunch declines

**BRITONS** are spending more on sandwiches than they do on pizza, pasta and burgers put together. Outperforming growth in all other fast-food sectors, sandwich sales have grown by 45 per cent over the past five years, according to market researchers Mintel.

It values the sandwich market at £2.2 billion a year, with sales of 1.7 billion sandwiches. Shorter lunch breaks, the trend towards eating on the move or at work, snacking and growing health concerns are all believed to have contributed to the sandwich's

burgeoning popularity
Of the 1.7 billion eaten every year, four-fifths are filled with chicken, prawn, egg, cheese, exotic fillings, which can be anything from smoked eel wrapped in ham to kangaro meat with raspberry preserve have a fifth of the market.

chicken with about 11 per cent of the market, selling 187 million sandwiches a year, and prawn mayonnaise (10) per cent, 170 million). The ubiquitous BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato) now ties with egg with mayonnaise or cress. (with 9 per cent, 153 million)

### Children follow fat parents' lead

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

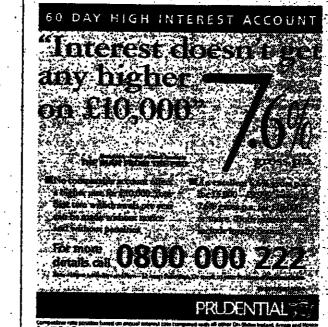
in a vicious circle of obesity, with an increasing number of fat parents bringing up fat children, a study published

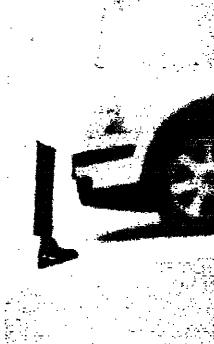
today shows. The study of almost 13,000 men and women born during the same week in 1958 shows that children with fat parents are significantly more likely to be fat, to become fat adults then to have fat children. Researchers believe that the key to halting the trend is in identifying the children at risk

and helping them to stay slim. The prevalence of obesity in couples doubled between 1969 and 1991, with both partners

seriously overweight. Data from the 1958 group show that the weight of children increases in proportion to the degree of parental fatness. Seven-year-old girls with two obese parents are 10 per cent heavier than those with par-ents of normal weight. By the age of 33 the difference is more than 20 per cent.

The study, reported by Julie Lake of the Institute of Child Health, London, in the Archives of Disease of Childhood, concludes that childrenof fat parents are at increased risk of obesity throughout childhood and early adult life.





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By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A WORLDWIDE illicit trade They have given their unaniin antiquities could be significonvention on such objects. archaeologists said yesterday. Representatives of the British Museum and other archaeological and heritage organisations have begun a campaign for Britain to ratify the Unidroit Convention on

Stolen or Illegally Exported ous Government is thought to Cambridge archaeologist and Master of Jesus College, on behalf of the Council for have feared that it would restrict trade in the art market. although countries such as British Archaeology. France and Switzerland signed up in 1995. The 34-strong forum of Brit-

ish organisations that make up the Standing Conference on Portable Antiquities argue that the E100 million international antiquities market enimportant sites in countries such as India, Italy and Egypt.

that calls on the Government to adopt the Unidroit Convention and deplores "the loss to knowledge and damage to the cultural heritage" caused by the trade in antiquities. The convention, they say, would ease the return of stolen artefacts to their rightful owners, whether governments, museums or individuals. The resolution was proposed by Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, the

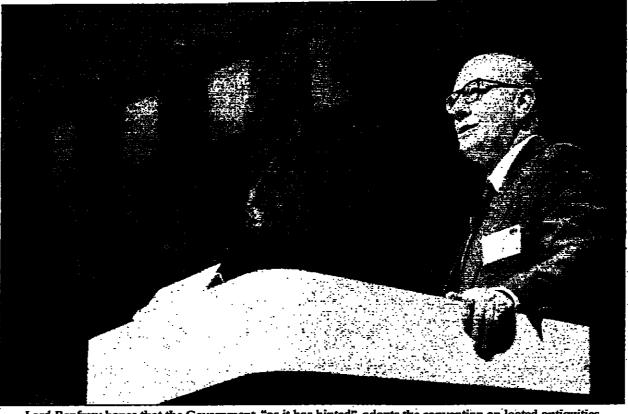
Lord Renfrew will today launch the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research in Cambridge to lobby governments into taking action, campaign against the sites and monitor the scale of the traffic in antiquities.

destroyed once they are removed from their archaeologi-

Commenting on the resolution, he said: "It's a great step ference representing most archaeology and heritage bodies in Britain have now warmly endorsed the Unidroit Convention. I very much hope the Government, as it has hinted, goes ahead and adopts it."

He said that even though London had become one of the clearing centres for antiquities from countries such as India and China, the previous government had resisted ratifying the convention. "They were worried about the status of Britain as a trading centre for the work of the art market. The art market now realises that if it doesn't clean up its act, it will lose face."

He said that Sotheby's had



Lord Renfrew hopes that the Government, "as it has hinted", adopts the convention on looted antiquities

it", announcing last July that it was to end antiquities sales in London after allegations that the firm sold artefacts that had been smuggled into Britain. He said the rest of the art market should follow their example. He pointed out that the convention was not retroactive and would not affect

treasures such as the Elgin Dr Peter Addyman, director of the York Archaeological Trust and chairman of the conference, said: UK's archaeological community has taken an im-

portant step. We will be

Unidroit's implementation in the near future. Ethical traders have nothing to fear from it. The world's history will benefit from the better stewardship of archaeological material for which it provides." He said the scale of the

problem was almost impossi-ble to estimate. "But the im-

pression we get in Britain is that whenever there's an opportunity for antiquities to be removed from their rightful traq, where conditions mean something can be easily extracted from the ground, as

often as not they turn up in

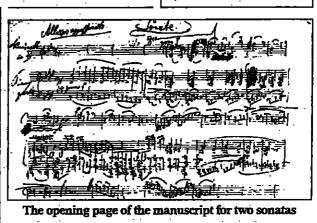
Wildlife charter calls for big fines

BY NICK NUTTALL

FARMERS, landowners and companies that dam-age the country's most important wildlife sites could be arrested, face tougher fines and be forced to restore damaged areas to their natural state under a new Wildlife Charter.

The charter was unveiled yesterday by 22 green groups - including the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Butterfly Conservation, the Wildlife Trusts, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust and the World Wide Fund for Nature — which want new legislation by next autumn to end the damage and destruction of the nation's Sites of Special Scientific Interest and the plants and animals they hold.

The groups also want a network of marine protected areas, mirroring those on the land, to conserve porpoises, dolphins and ocean-living



## Rare Brahms manuscript to fetch £500,000

By Damian Whitworth

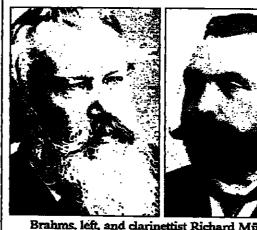
by Brahms, regarded as the most important of its kind to come on the market, is expected to fetch £500,000 at auction in London. The composer usually destroyed drafts of his work, but he gave this one, for two sonatas, to the clarinettist who inspired him to write them and whose descendants are now selling. Brahms met Richard Mühlfeld, the greatest clarinettist of his day, in 1891, a year after he had declared that he had retired from composing. He was so in-spired by Mühlfeld's sensi-tive playing that he is to work on the sonatas, Op 12. No I in F minor and Op 120 No 2 in E flat major. The results are among his most refined work and the first

important compositions for piano and clarinet

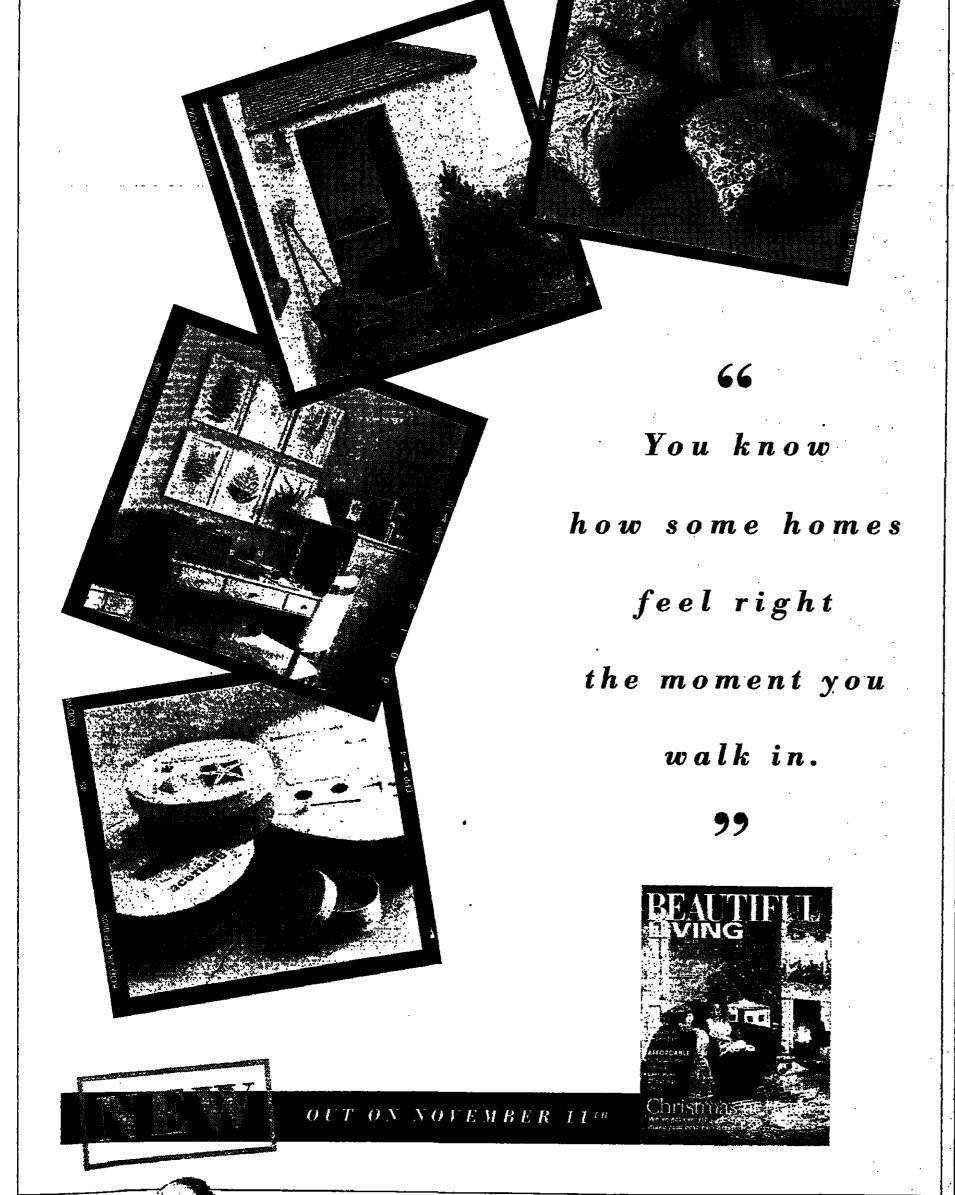
Mühlfeld. The master of his beautiful instrument. In heartfelt and thankful memory." The 67 pages are heavily revised and annotated.

A few Brahms scores in his own hand exist in museums in Vienna. But often he would employ a copyist to prepare the final draft for the publisher and then destroy his own. "He collected other people's manuscripts such as Mozart and Beethoven, but not his own. Maybe he didn't want the forensic scrutiny of his own works," said Stephen Roe, head of the books de-partment at Sotheby's, which estimates that the manuscript · II fetch between £450,000

and £600,000 next month. If it does, it will be the most expensive Brahms manuscript ever sold. A Beethoven piano sonata fetched £1 million in 1990.



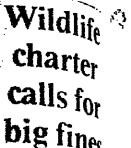
Brahms, left, and clarinettist Richard Mühlfeld. whose playing inspired him to resume composing





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# Farcical secrets of the early James Bonds

Hairdressers were among German agents' favourite recruits during the

First World War, newly released MI5 files show. Michael Evans reports

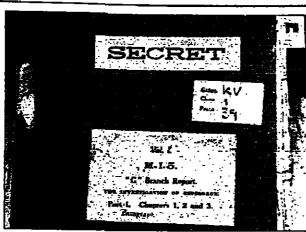
UNCOVERING German espionage efforts before and during the First World War was a matter of top priority for the newly fledged Secret Service Bureau. But, as MIS files released yesterday by the Public Record Office make clear, they often bordered on the

To gain the knowledge they were after, German spies recruited German-born hair-dressers — a favourite source of intelligence gossip — schoolmasters, publicans, seamen, foreign pilots and "natives of the country prepared to betray their country for money". Watchmakers and photographers were also takers on occasionally.

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For the Secret Service, the forerunner of MIS, some German spying activities were easily monitored. In one case, known as the Frant file, a German who gave his name as De Corina took a farm in the neighbourhood of Frant in Sussex. He went in for poultry farming, "but it was noticeable that the farm at Bartley Hill was a great rendezvous for Germans, most of whom spent the greater part of the time cycling and motoring all over the country".

The MI5 file states: "De Corina was a typical German and it was quite obvious that he could not be making his living from the proceeds of the farm." Although nothing was ever discovered "which could definitely connect this man with espionage, the whole



The Secret Service files from the First World War

circumstances of the case were very peculiar and suspicious." In another operation

In another operation, known as the Rusper case, William Melville, a legendary Scotland Yard detective turned counter-espionage officer, was sent to the village of Rusper in Sussex to investigate two Germans. The Germans pretended to know nothing of each other, "but rapidly struck up an acquaintance".

Melville booked into the same guesthouse "and caused these gentlemen some perturbation". The MI5 file revealed that the Germans cross-questioned the landlord and asked him if Melville could speak any foreign languages. The landlord said that he could not. Shortly afterwards, the Germans quarrelled — "it was evidently a put-up job" — and

formalin. One message was stamped on the skin of a Belgian woman", according to

refused to speak to each other until Melville had left.

Melville worked for G branch, which was responsible for counter-espionage. The Mi5 files show that he was "too old for such work" and Captain Vernon Kell, the head of counter-espionage, had to apply for two more men to help with investigations.

The Secret Service was able

to discover many of the code words used in passing messages back to German intelligence from spies it arrested. One, George Breckow, had his own codewords for Royal Navy ships. Old battleships were called Old Folks at Home, submarines Floating Down, and destroyers Pirates of Penzance. For naval ports he used musical terminology. Dartmouth was Darkie Melodies and Chattam Chattanoo-

ga Rag; Southampton was called Down South.

Other codewords used by various German spies included "eggs" for troops, "condensed milk" for cavalry, "margarine" for guns, "Dutch cheese" for battleships and

"tinned lobster" for torpedo boats.

The spies used a variety of materials for sending off their secret messages. As early as November 1914, it was known that they were using secret writing. They used lemon juice, sometimes mixed with formalin. One message was "stamped on the skin of a

To detail the departure of warships from naval ports, the spies used a simple set of numbers in an otherwise incongruous message. The first number subtracted by one indicated the number of cruisers, the second the number of liners, the third the number of transports and the fourth the number of tracking vessels.

In each report, a date was given which, when increased by two indicated the date of departure of the ship. For example, the message: "Send 25 pounds, Richelien, 85 Bedford Street, stay till 20th", meant "One cruiser, five liners, eight transports, five tracking vessels, setting off the 22nd." Another message appearing in the MI5 files reads: "Offer I2 tons potatoes before 23rd." This meant: 'No cruisers, two liners, starting 25th."



A hidden image appeared out of a suspect letter when chemicals were applied

### laid plans to assist invasion

Sinn Fein

SINN FEIN tried to help the Germans to land arms and troops on the West Coast of Ireland in the First World War, the MI5 files show. A report by H branch, dated June 1918, refers to the plot by the Sinn Fein Inner Circle.

All Irish republican volunteers along the coast began to march inland, "drawing the military after them and so leaving a clear field for the landing". Several were arrested but, the H branch report continues, "the arrests disarranged, but did not entirely upset their plans, and secret drilling, despatch riding, etc., continue". Sinn Fein denied the plot "but secretly derided the suggestion that the Government can learn anything about it".

The report also reveals that H branch acquired the note-book belonging to Eamon de Valera, the survivor of the 1916 Easter Rising who went on to become the first President of the Irish Republic. It contained a memorandum about the army he planned to raise after the rebellion had established the Republic.

There was no mention of plans to help a German invasion. De Valera has the dubious honour of being the subject of the first personal file to be created by MIS. It is known as PFI.

in the end, no German troops landed in Ireland. Sir Roger Casement, who was eventually executed for treason and is seen in Ireland as a martyr to the republican cause, went to Germany to seek arms in 1916. He was arrested on his return, having received only obsolete arms.

In one reference to Sir Roger in the files, it is reported that in April 1916 an MI5 officer overheard a "most indiscreet" telephone conversation between an Irishman and a woman, in which she revealed the "very secret measures" used to monitor Casement.

# Vigilance of Captain Kell's team brought swift success



Vernon Kell: spymaster

By Michael Evans

IN THE years before the First World War, England was overrun with German spies who were accustomed to gathering intelligence unimpeded by any counterespionage operation. It was not until a meeting at

It was not until a meeting at Scotland Yard in August 1908 involving, among others, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, that the decision was taken to set up what became M15. The man put in

charge was Captain Vernon Kell of the South Staffordshire Regiment, who spoke French, German, Russian and Chinese.

An MI5 document released yesterday said: "Unless a secret service system is prepared, we shall enter on a war fatally handicapped." One of the great fears was that Germans were already located at important sites from where they could observe England's military capabilities. An MI5 report said: "I believe several Germans now own land near important junctions. The Germans

paid particular attention last year to Hither Green [southeast London], the new junction on the South East Railway."

Based in the War Office, Captain Kell began work in October 1909 as a one-man band. By August 1914 he had nine officers, three police, three civilians and four clerks. The unit was originally known as MO5 (Military Operations), becoming M15 in 1916.

The team proved highly successful. Its men arrested 21 agents when war began, paralysing the

paid particular attention last year to Hither Green |southeast London|. German espionage effort. They were held until 1918.

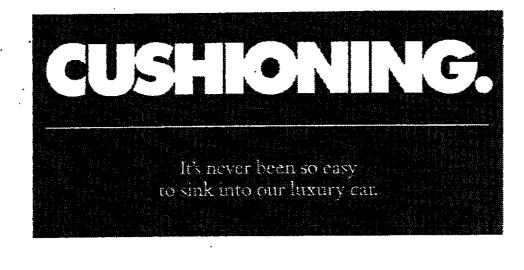
The team also had an agent who was employed by the War Office to carry out intelligence-gathering abroad. Henry Dale Long, codenamed L, was based in Brussels. British spies sent abroad were given guidelines for procuring intelligence: when making sketches they should do so from a carriage, not on horseback, which was less discreet, even if the horse was "the quietest of

nimals". The best way to communicate with restaurant but at different tables "and on leaving to take each other's hats off the pegs — all communications being put inside the lining of the hats".

In a list of dos and don'ts, one

agents was to take meals at the same

M15 file noted: "If you are working in an uncivilised country and someone begins to take a marked interest in your movements or in your possessions, it will probably end in your having to kill him, so do not waste time as soon as you feel that he is up to mischief."



# How Labour can avoid a repeat of Formula One fiasco

THE true story of the Ecclestone sponsorship for sport. The first affair has started to emerge—and contacts between 10 Downing affair has started to emerge - and it is more muddle and inexperience than scandal. Nonetheless, despite Tony Blair's belief that he has done nothing wrong, there are important lessons over the way Downing Street works and for government relations with business donors. These are distinct from whatever long-term changes in the rules on party funding are recommended by the Neill

Three separate problems occurred. First, the Government sent implications of a ban on tobacco

Street and the Health Department were on May 6, four days after Mr Blair became Prime Minister. But the two were not always on the same wavelength. This maximised the impression of a big shift in policy when the exemption of Formula One was announced. Second, ministers were too slow

to appreciate the dangers of the appearance of a conflict of interest. Mr Blair's explanation of why it took him so long to decide against accepting a second Ecclestone donation and to consult the Neill committee was legalistic rather

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than political. The ethical red flag ought to have been waving from mid-October rather than a fortnight ago when the exemption decision was taken. The Blair camp argues that it would have been wrong to penalise Mr Ecclestone when he had already met other European leaders. Given the potential for misunderstanding, other senior ministers, rather than Mr Blair, should have met Mr Ecclestone, or the meeting

should have been more formal heads to defend Mr Blair. Others with health and trade and industry ministers also involved.

Third, Downing Street took a week to realise the seriousness of the affair and to respond. Mr Blair received conflicting, and times inconsistent, advice from his inner circle - Gordon Brown, Lord Irvine of Lairg, Peter Mandelson and Alastair Campbell. Some wanted full disclosure earlier: others were apprehensive about the implications. So information dribbled out in the most damaging way. Moreover, only a few minis-ters, led by Mr Mandelson and Jack Straw, publicly raised their

were unusually reclusive.

Mr Blair prefers an informal style and can be impatient with more formal procedures. But he needs to tighten up the Downing Street and funding operations. As the American Democrats have found, there is always the danger of fundraisers becoming over-en-thusiastic and cutting corners. This is not a matter of moralising but of practical politics. The Blair team complain about being judged by higher standards than were demanded of the Tories and of being penalised in raising funds. But include all relevant departments, Labour was elected on a "clean up and be fully minuted. Perhaps the

to be seen to be above reproach. The long-term answer is full disclosure of not only the names of donors, as planned in legislation this session, but also the size of donations above £5,000. In the meantime, Mr Blair should introduce procedures for meetings with businessmen who have been big donors. Lahour argues reasonably that it would be wrong to treat them worse than businessmen who have not given money. But any meetings between ministers and big donors should be formal,

politics" platform. So Mr Blair has Ministerial Code should be revised. But, at present, there is no one to advise on these issues. Neither the Cabinet Secretary nor the Neill committee is the right body. It would be better to have a freestanding Office of Government Ethics or a commissioner to

give rapid advice on these matters. With the Tories largely ineffective, the Blair inner circle regards such suggestions as unnecessary. But not only are they justified by recent events but they would also allow the Government to regain the political initiative.

PETER RIDDELL

# Blair starts raising cash to repay £1m donation

TONY BLAIR will begin the task of raising money to pay back Bernie Ecclestone's El million donation when he addresses Labour's wealthiest supporters at a £250-a-head gala lunch next month.

Cherie, have agreed to attend the Labour Friends of Israel annual lunch on December 9. Senior Cabinet ministers including Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will be present.

The lunch date could pay rich dividends for the party, which is millions of pounds in debt but has to return the Formula One chief's gift after the row over motor-racing's exemption from the ban on

THE Prime Minister was

accused vesterday of inconsis-

tencies in the television inter-

view he gave on Sunday to try

to dampen the row over the

Formula One affair (Philip

Tory MPs also raised a

potential conflict in the role of

Jonathan Powell. Mr Blair's

chief of staff, who was closely

involved in fundraising when

he ran Mr Blair's office in

Webster writes).

list for the function, to be held at a West London hotel, could have been drawn up by Labour's finance department as it boasts some of the most generous donors to party funds. Lord Sainsbury of Turville, ennobled by Mr Blair after the

general election, will be at one of the top tables. He was reported at the weekend to have given Labour £1 million. The gathering is being held to celebrate the 50th anniver-

sary of the creation of Israel. Mr Blair, who last spoke to the group in 1994, will be in familiar company. Michael Levy, the millionaire record producer who was behind the biggest campaign to bring

(Chichester) pointed out that

Mr Powell knew who the big

donors were and now con-

trolled the door to Mr Blair.

John Maples, the Shadow

Health Secretary, said that Mr Blair had said on Sunday

that Labour had told Bernie

Ecclestone, the Formula One

chief, on November 5 that it

could accept no further dona-

tions from him because of the

private enterprise cash into secret Labour Party funds,

will be present. Mr Levy, one of Mr Blair's closest suppporters and his regular tennis partner, is said to have helped to raise £7 million. The money was chan-nelled into blind trusts that financed the office costs of Mr Blair. Mr Brown, John Prescott and Margaret Beckett when they were in Opposition.

Sir Trevor Chinn, the head of Lex Services. who is reported to have given Labour a sixfigure sum, is on the guest list along with Sir Emmanuel Kaye, a multimillionaire industrialist who was a donor to Mr Blair's blind trust.

Nick Coserave, the director Tories keep up the pressure

decision on tobacco sponsor-

ship. Downing Street said

yesterday that Mr Powell had

telephoned Mr Ecclestone's

office that day to make that point clear. But, Mr Maples said, in its letter to Sir Patrick Neill, the standards watchdog, on November 7, Labour had said that it was consulting him on whether a second donation

should properly be accepted.

of the Labour Friends for Israel, said: "It will be a chance for the Prime Minister to mingle among old friends and supporters of the party. We have virtually sold every

ticket. Mr Blair is a big draw.
"I'm sure there will be no mention of Bernie Ecclestone. He is not on the guest list. But some of the most important people in industry will be

The Labour Party will tighten its vetting procedures for potential benefactors in future. A senior party source said: "Having had an episode like this the finance department is bound to look again at how it raises the money. If someone came and started waving a big cheque around more questions would be

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said on BBC Radio 4's Today programme that the affair had been an accident waiting to happen, "So let's reassure the public's trust in politics. I have already issued instructions to our party treasurer that we are not going to accept any donations from people who are not prepared to have their names

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House of Lords latecomer: Roy Hattersley with his dog, Buster

### Reluctant Roy ready for his robe

By James Landale

HE WANTS the place abolished, hates the idea of becoming an "old codger" and cannot imagine wearing ermine. But after seven months of procrastination, Roy Hattersley has swallowed his pride and finally decided to take his seat in Lords.

"Reluctant Roy", as the former deputy Labour leader became known this summer, will on Monday be gazetted as Lord Hattersley of Spark-brook and be formally introduced. Biting his lip, he will don his red robes. swear an oath of allegiance to the Queen and doff his hat three times at the Lord Chancellor. He will be one of the last peers to undergo the 370-yearold ceremony, which is to be reformed.

Mr Hattersley was raised to the peerage by John Major when Parliament was dissolved in April. But over the summer he refused to organise his title with Garter King of Arms or fix a date for his introduction. The process usually takes two months.

In a newspaper column in April, he said that the Lords should be abolished and that it would take him a "great effort of will to discuss style and titles with somebody called Garter King of Arms". He added: "Members of the nobility who are offended by my flippancy should understand that I turn hysterical every time I think of taking my oath of allegiance. I have no difficulty with swearing my fealty to the Queen . . . I just cannot imagine myself dressed in ermine robes and taking my hat off as I walk up and down . . . Nor am I ready to face the 'old codger' aspect of being a peer."

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# \*Burgundy's rise leaves sour taste for wine buffs

France's top châteaux may be pricing themselves off the market, Ben Macintyre writes from Paris

THE rocketing price of Burgundy has reinforced predictions that 1997 could be one of the great vintages, but it has left a nasty taste in the mouths of wine buffs who fear that French wine could become too expensive to compete with newer wine-producing coun-

Prices at the annual Hospices de Beaune charity auc-tion on Sunday, widely regarded as a key qualitybarometer for the year's harvest, rose by a remarkable 47 per cent, earning more than Fr20 million (£2.1 million) for the charity hospital founded in

The auctioneers were delighted with the results, but wine experts warned that inflated prices would encourage competing growers to push up

their prices and might per-suade buyers to see fine French wine as a tipple only for corporate investors or wealthy connoisseurs.

The inevitable final result is to reduce our competitive edge in an ever more compen-tive market," the Burgundy Wine Board said.

The highest price of the auction was recorded by the white wine Batard Montra-chet, which was sold for the equivalent of £50 a bottle, an increase of 78 per cent over last year. Bottling, storing and shipping the wine will eventually more than double the

French wine-producers, locked in combat with cheap and plentiful "New World" wines, fear that such high prices will merely increase the

"Wine is going to become the hobby of a few specialists, locked up in their own cul-

steadily more expensive over recent years and industry analysts had expected a price rise of up to 20 per cent, but the sudden huge leap left many wine-makers jittery and in need of a stiff drink.

combination favourable climatic factors this year, including a record breaking early harvest, has

gundy and other celebrated French wines. "It's sad."
Christian Flacelière, a wine
expert, said. "With such
prices, people will turn way
from overpriced wine in fayour of beer and mass-produced drinks.

> Burgundy has grown An auctioneer takes bids during France's annual Hospice de Beaune charity wine sale, where Burgundy prices soared by 47 per cent

also be among the most expen-"We are in danger of scaring away buyers," Benoît de Charette, of Maison Pichot,

said. The wines on sale in Beaune last weekend were made on 140 acres of land belonging to the Hospices and include some of the most famous names in wine-making such as Corton, Mersault

The Hospices de Beaune charity for the poor, sick and elderly was founded in 1443 during the Hundred Years War by Nicolas Rolin, Chancellor to the Duke of Burgundy, and the property has grown over the centuries with

retired people and a hospital. Part of the profit from this year's sale will be spent on a new cinema for sick children. While such high prices may

put the best Burgundy out of reach of all but the very rich or extravagant, some will get to drink it for free: under the founding rules of the charity, a must be reserved for patients



gifts of land and vineyards in the region. The charity inled to predictions that 1997 will be one of the best vintages in cludes a hospice, homes for recent memory, but it may

### Kohl takes heart as voters swing in favour of euro

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMAN opposition to European economic and monetary union has started to melt away, much to the amazement and delight of Helmut Kohl. the Chancellor, who next year has to win a general election shortly after scrapping the

Few opinion pollsters had reckoned with a significant swing towards the curo: for more than two years surveys have shown that two thirds of Germans are opposed to abandoning the mark. The calculation was confused by the two thirds of the nation that also professed support for the Maastricht treaty and a more tightly integrated Europe. It seemed as if the Germans could not make up

Now it appears that the Germans are ready to swallow the Maastricht pill. A poll commissioned by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation showed that only 45 per cent of Germans were now hostile to the euro, compared with 63

per cent a year ago. A survey in August by the Allensbach Institute showed a similar trend: 55 per cent in support of the euro (compared with 21 per cent in May) and 45 per cent against (compared with 52 per cent last May). The

Konrad Adenauer Foundation is the Christian Democratic think-tank and the Allensbach Institute's findings often come out more supportive of the Chancellor than other poll-

Even so the shift is so big it must represent a new mood. "It signifies the breakthrough for the public acceptance of the euro," says Günter Rinsche, chairman of the foundation.

Two factors seem to have played a crucial part. First, the political class has made clear that it will steam ahead with the euro. The figures are still ambiguous: the five wise men" who advise the Government say Bonn will miss the Maastricht public sector deficit by 0.1 per cent , the opposition Social Democrats say there will be an overshoot

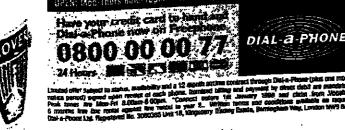
of 0.25 per cent. However, the Government stubbornly insists it will hit the target at exactly 3 per cent of gross domestic product and qualify for the euro.

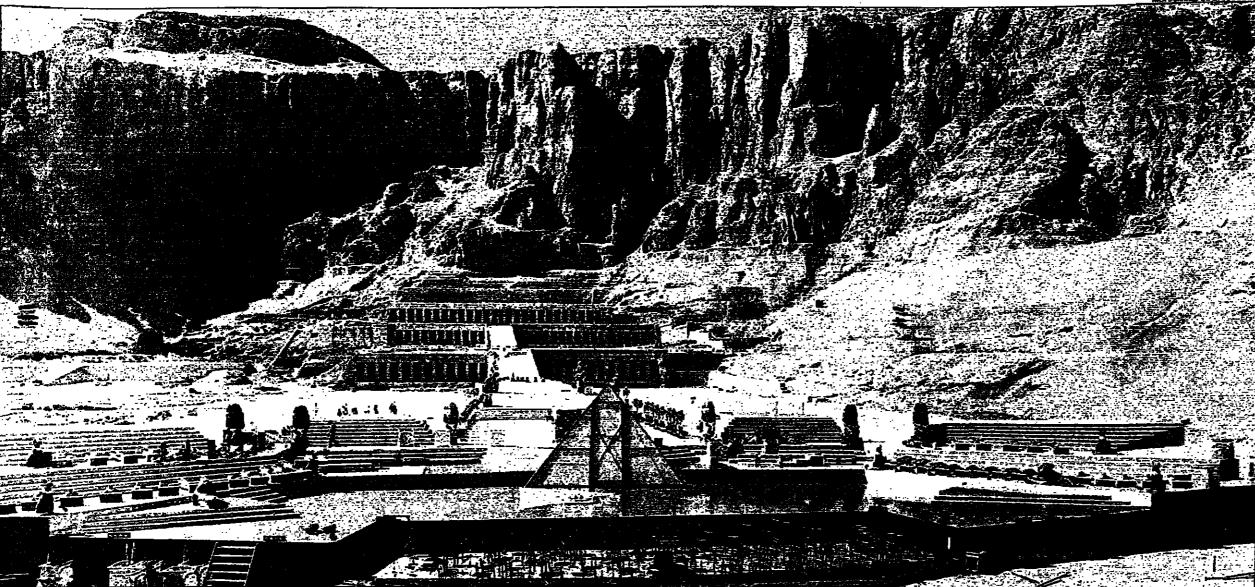
The second crucial factor was probably Herr Kohl's personal decision to stand for re-election next year. The euro is his project and voters still trust him to fight for a strong

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Queen Hatshepsut's temple in Luxor, the scene of yesterday's massacre of tourists and an ensuing three-hour battle between police and the suspected Islamic militants responsible for the attack

# Tourist bloodbath deals blow to Mubarak

President has lost his battle against militants to convince visitors Egypt is safe, Christopher Walker writes

THE tourist bloodbath vesterday in the shadow of Luxor's magnificent Pharaonic temples dealt a fatal blow to attempts by President Mubarak to convince the world that his five-year campaign against Islamic militants is showing signs of success.

leading London-based Arab commentator, Ali Ibrahim, claimed that the attack had been designed to do the maximum damage to his moderate, pro-Western Islamic regime. It will kill the tourist season," he added.

Coming a month after the militants slaughtered 11 policemen in the southern Egyptian province of Minya, their biggest ever toll of security men in a single day, the mass murder of so many tourists was seen as evidence that the extremists have regrouped and embarked on a new wave of violence.

Even before the full horror of the latest attack became apparent, more than doubling killed since the main Islamic

struggle to topple the regime in 1992, there were dire warnings in the semi-official Cairo press about complacency on the part of the Govern-

to stop parroting their routine boasting: Terrorism is vanquished! We have annihilated the remainder!" warned Samir Ragab, editor of the Egyptian Gazette, the daily read by most tourists in Cairo. and one of Egypt's most influential journalists.

The choice of the tourist industry as a target was made primarily because of its importance as the second largest earner of foreign currency after remittances sent from Egyptians working abroad and thus a major prop of what the militants refer to scathingy as "the apostate regime of President Mubarak".

In a statement after a previous attack against a tourist target, the al-Gamaa - whose

terror organisation, al-Gamaa al-Islamiya. launched its \*Our security officials have

A wounded tourist is carried onto a helicopter to be flown for treatment in Cairo

Group — claimed that it nary Egyptians are fed up would continue its struggle with fundamentalist attacks." until an Islamic state is established in Egypt and the criminal Mubarak is killed in

just retaliation". With a turnover estimated at more than £2 billion, the tourist industry is the most vulnerable sector of the economy. It is calculated that as many as ten million — roughly one in every six of the 61 million Egyptians - rely on it to some extent for their liveli-

"Ten million Egyptians eat from tourism." said one former Cairo-based diplomat. "It

Yesterday's shootings. precision, were timed to do maximum damage to the industry. It was launched just at the start of the winter tourist season in Upper Egypt, the home of many of the most

spectacular sites, and at a time

when senior Egyptian tourist

officials were attending a big

conference in London to promote visitors from Europe. These had suffered a severe blow in September when nine German tourists and their Egyptian driver were shot and

heart of Cairo. Although the culprits were described as mentally ill by the Government, they too professed sympathy with extreme Islamic ideals and were claimed by diplomats to have been armed by a network of sympathisers

The two attacks came as the battered tourist industry had been showing signs of picking up again after the crippling damage inflicted by the al-Gamaa in 1993 and 1994 with its attacks on trains, Nile cruisers and tourist buses. Almost 450,000 foreigners

visited Egypt in August, the

Egyptian Museum in the highest figure ever for a single underestimated the splits inmonth. In 1996, a total of four side the Islamic movement million tourists arrived and and the pressure from extremists exiled abroad for unrelent-

officials had hoped that figure would be exceeded this year. Recently Mr Mubarak, whose Government is accused of corruption, had refused an

offer of a dialogue from the Islamists, although Hassan al-Alfi, his Interior Minister. welcomed a truce call issued by some imprisoned militant leaders as a useful start. Like his counterparts in

Algeria, Mr Mubarak, a former air force commander, is determined to crush the militants militarily. However, diplomats say that he has

ing violence. The anti-Mubarak militants receive logistical support from neighbouring Sudan and ideological backing from Iran. Their leaders have repeatedly expressed belief in an updated version of the old domino theory once centred on Victnam: that if the Egyptian Government falls, many other moderate Islamic regimes in the Arab world will follow

More than 1,100 people have been killed since the militants aimed at overthrowing Mr

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Although he has recently been taking steps to stream-line the over-centralised economy, little has been done to eliminate the social ills on which the fundamentalists thrive. They have threatened that he will suffer the same fate as his assassinated predecessor, Anwar Sadat. More than half the population cannot read. Unemployment among graduates in some cities is 80 per cent. The administration is strangled by red-tape and cronvism, with allegations of corruption reaching into the Mubarak family and only stifled by a

The key to Mr Mubarak's survival has been the 400,000strong army and his ubiqui tous internal security network. the Mukhabarat. But senior Western diplomats have expressed concern that the longserving President has become surrounded by sycophants who are shielding from him the growing unpopularity of a regime supported by one of the most shamelessly rigged electoral systems in the Arab world.

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By Tom Rhodes in washington, Michael Theodoulou in nicosia. James Bone in New York and Michael Binyon, Diplomatic editor

AMERICA and Britain yesterday backed away from a military confrontation with Iraq, offering a joint proposal to lift sanctions against Baghdad if President Saddam Hussein complied with United Nations resolutions to inspect his weapons facilities.

The proposal, worked out between Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, would result in a gradual lifting of sanctions while assuring compliance with the UN mandate to allow weapons inspection teams into

Mr Cook yesterday telephoned his French and Russian counterparts to bolster political and diplomatic solidarity with new proposals to be put jointly to Saddam.

The proposals offer Saddam "light at the end of the tunnel" by promising to make more food and medicine available to Iraq and giving firmer guarantees on eventual lifting of UN sanctions.

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The four permanent UN representatives have concluded that, as military action appears increasingly problematic, they must step up

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their diplomatic drive. In talks yesterday with Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr Cook discussed a possible Russian mediation. Mr Primakov, who visited Baghdad before the Gulf War. is a Middle East specialist with strong connections to Iraq. He may undertake a new round of shuttle diplomacy that this time would have the full backing of his Security Council pariners.

At Russia's urging, the UN plans to convene a meeting on Friday of the 21 commissioners who provide technical advice to the UN Special Commission (Unscom) charged with ridding Iraq of

weapons of mass destruction. Russia is trying to transform the commissioners from an advisory council into a governing body empowered to provide political direction to Richard Butler, the Unscom chairman, and his senior staff. By doing so, Russia apparently hopes to meet Iraq's demands for a restructuring of Unscom to reduce the influ-

IN WASHINGTON

A DEBATE is growing in the

United States over the moral and

President Saddam Hussein.

the power of Mr Butler. The Unscom commissioners usually meet every six months, most recently in October, to review the progress of the UN inspectors, but have no procedure for decision making.

Officials said that the plans Mr Cook discussed yesterday were intended to reassure Saddam that he would not face a permanent US veto on lifting sanctions. He would be told what were the main allied requirements and then assured that sanctions would be lifted on his compliance.

Although the White House yesterday firmly rejected an lraqi compromise that would specify the nationality of those on the Unscom teams, it became clear that a big diplomatic push was under way to resolve a crisis that has lasted almost three weeks.

President Chirac of France said he sensed "some form of. detente" while Western diplomats in the Gulf complained that the military option had been "talked up too much". Most Arab countries also favour setting Iraq a firm timetable to divulge its weapons secrets in return for a schedule

"Iraq does not seek conflict that US weapons experts with the United States and if could return if their numbers there is a solution to the crisis, were equally matched by inspectors from the other counwe would be happy," Saddam tries with permanent seats on the UN Security Council. His Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister, suggested the UN Security Council. His offer was rejected as impracti-

cal by Unscom's Mr Butler, who also insisted Iraq could not be allowed to dictate the composition of his teams. Mr Butler said Irag's compromise to allow the return of inspectors to Baghdad could signal about Saddam's arsenal. "I

the beginning of a diplomatic solution to the crisis. At the UN, Mr Butler said any change in the national composition of the teams did not alter the fundamental question

the objectivity of the science. but let's see," he said. "Maybe America considers how to bring about the death of a President

don't know how changing the

nationality is going to change



Aaron Perez, a flight deck crew member of the carrier USS Nimit: in the Gulf, catches a moment's rest against the fuel tank of a US warplane

Stephanopoulos: said. Saddam must be killed.

### **ASSASSINATION DEBATE**

declared on Sunday.

1938 - to take this one life before he takes thousands more, or hundreds or even one?"

practical issues of assassinating Targeting Saddam is not that George Stephanopoulos, formersimple. He is wily, uses doubles, ly a close aide to President Clinton, frequently purges his inner circle, aid: "We should kill him." Thomas has his food checked for poison and has spent years shuttling among dozens of residences to evade his Friedman, foreign affairs columnist for The New York Times, has discussed a "head shot" for Saddam An essay in Time asks: many enemies.

Norman Schwarzkopf, who led Isn't it moral - as with Hitler in allied forces during the Gulf War,

recalled at the weekend how every Iraqi command-and-control centre was bombed in the first three days of the conflict. "Obviously that meant we were attacking places where we thought Saddam would be, but he wasn't there," the general said. "Somehow he received advance word we were coming, or he

was just darned lucky." General Schwarzkopf said he has concluded that Saddam is impossi-

ble to find without an intelligence network in Iraq with inside information about where he will be. Even if allied forces had continued to Baghdad at the end of the war, he was quite sure they would still not have found Saddam.

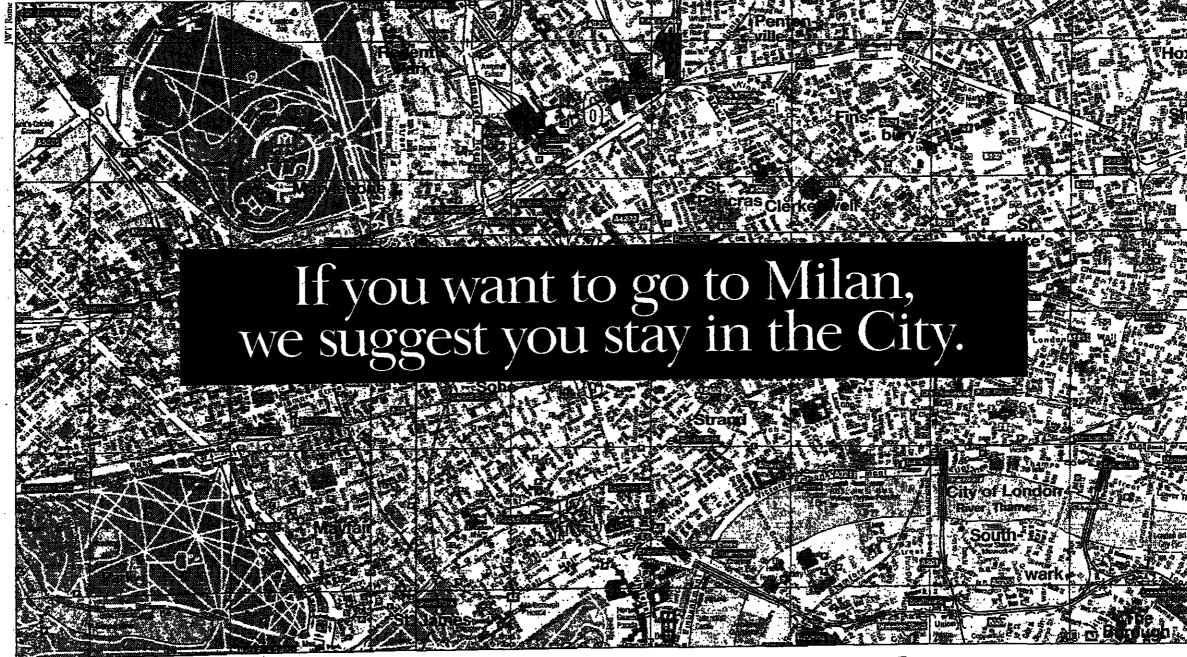
Both the general and George Bush, the former President, remain convinced that the Gulf War coalition would have ruptured if the Americans and British had attempted to press on to eliminate Saddam when they seemed to have

documentary. The Search for Peace, to be aired on Sunday. Mr Bush declares: "I know the French would have left us in a minute. I know the Egyptians and Turks have been gone and Syria would have been long gone had we rolled into Baghdad." He adds: "Who's going to find the most secure

potentate dictator in the world?" Execution of foreign leaders by government agents was outlawed by Executive Order 12333 signed by Ronald Reagan as President. It "No person employed by or

acting on behalf of the United States Government shall engage in. or conspire to engage in, assassination." This ban was the result of revulsion over a string of American plots to assassinate President Castro of Cuba and other leaders who were not to Washington's liking.

As for Saddam's hoped-for demise, Richard Haass, White House Middle East expert during the Gulf War, told Time: "I have yet to see anything remotely persuasive about how you could take out Saddam. A wish is not a policy."



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# Aboriginal art world is rocked by fresh scandal makes city

Welshman claims to have painted

many prized indigenous works

Roger Maynard writes from Sydney

A WELSHMAN who daims to have produced some of Australia's most valuable indigenous paintings has found himself at the centre of a scandal that could undermine the Aboriginal art industry.

Ray Beamish, who used to live with Kathleen Petyarre, the prize-winning Aboriginal artist, has alleged that he is the main painter of many of her works, which have a combined value of hundreds of thousands of pounds. He claims to have developed the distinctive "sacred women's dreaming" style of painting that was attributed to his

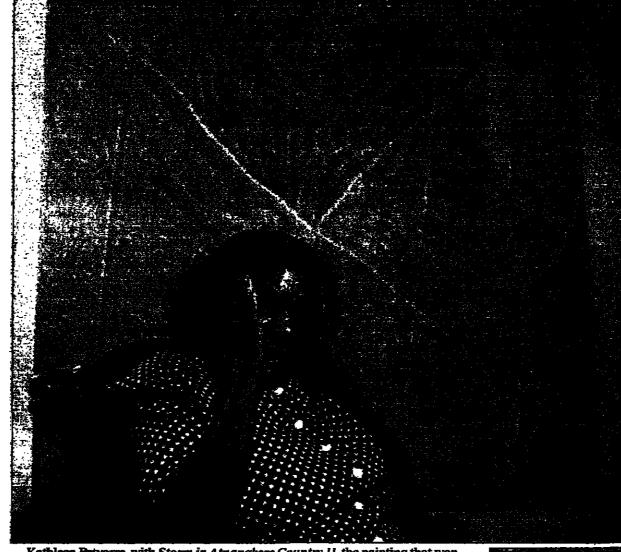
Beamish also says he is the main painter of her Storm in Atnangkere Country 11, which won Australia's most prestigious and longest-running Aboriginal art award, the 1996 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

If true, the allegations over shadow any previous scandal about the identity of Aboriginal painters, including last year's disclosure that an elderly West Australian pastoralist, Elizabeth Durack, had successfully misled Australia's art world by pretending to be an Aboriginal artist called Eddie

Susan McCulloch, the coauthor of the Encyclopaedia of Australian Art, said: "What this means in the broader context is that a storm of serious proportions will hit the Aboriginal art industry. Now, for the first time, a big indigenous-only prize has been won by what I believe to be a non-authentic work."

The controversy came to light amid tension surrounding the couple's recent separation and mounting professional jealousies beween rival art dealers. According to Beamish the

idea for the Telstra awardwinning work was his alone and he painted at least 90 per tions will send shock waves tralia's only true artistic fair dealing and genuine art cent of it. "She probably would through an industry that gen-heritage, likening them to the which is around," she said.



Kathleen Petyarre, with Storm in Atnungkere Country 11, the painting that won her a prestigious Aboriginal art award. Her contribution to the work is in dispute

Ms Petyarre has also admitted that her ex-partner had worked with her on some of her paintings, including "the middle" of the Telstra work. However, in a statement issued later by her lawyers she insisted that he had only helped her in "marking out the canvases" and maintained that she was "the author of any of the paintings signed by me". She said: "I have been given these Dreamings by my grandfather and only me and my sisters are allowed to paint our stories."

While these latest allega-

erates millions of pounds on the international art market, some observers believe it will also force the industry to address fundamental questions over authorship. Fuelled by admiring comments of critics and curators, many Aboriginal painters have found their work suddenly worth thousands of pounds. Gallery owners who used to enjoying fat commissions for selling indigenous paintings

of sometimes questionable quality also have a vested in the continued growth of the market. Many experts have promoted Aboriginal works of art as Ausequivalent of Turners and Constables.

When Durack, who is of Irish descent, revealed that Birrup was merely a figment of her imagination, the 32 year-old white woman embarrassed the cognoscenti and infuriated the nation's indigenous artists.

Ms McCulloch said she believed the latest claims could only help towards a general industry clean-up. Any hints that things may not be as they seem make potenpurchasers extremely wary and can cost millions of dollars in sales - a great pity considering the amounts of



Beamish: claims he is the main painter

## **New York** pigeon poisoner no-fly zone

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

POLICE and animal welfare groups in New York are ed in a frantic search for a serial killer who, operating at night, has poisoned thousands of the city's pigeons.

Large clusters of pigeon carcasses were discovered last week on the plush Upper West Side, where pigeons are normally better fed than in any other part of New York. Numerous dead birds have also been found in the city centre, as well as Greenwich Village, suggesting that the tion mission

New York is home to many hundreds of thousands of pigeons, so a few thousand dead does not signify a demographic disaster. Pigeons here are not only ubiquitous, they are also hold, noisy, pushy. greedy and dirty. In fact, many in the city are quietly applauding the killer, in a manner reminiscent of Londoners who cheered last year when someone stole over 2,000 pigeons from Trafalgar

Reflecting city-wide senti-ment, Elizabeth Warburton, a Briton living in New York, said: "I hope this doesn't sound callous, but I cannot bring myself to disapprove of semeone who wages war on a menace like these pigeons."

However, Peter Parris, a man for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, took a less sympathetic view of the matter. Speaking to The New York Times, he said: "We feel that this is someone who truly hates pigeons and could be a very disturbed person." Mr Parris, however, added darkiy: "He may not stop at pigeous. Who knows what other animal he may dislike?" The killer's night-time mo-

dus operandi is simple. He (or ske) first laces breadcrumbs and birdseed with a lethal pesticide called carburofan. and then scatters the poisoned food at strategic points where piacous are known to When the birds awaken, they feed to their fill before

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departing, poisoned, to

### **Corporate giants** win supporting role at La Scala

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE troubled La Scala opera house, which staged the premieres of operas by Verdi and Puccini and flourished under Toscanini, yesterday passed into the hands of a private foundation funded by a who's who of Italian industry headed by Pirelli, the Milan-based company famous for both its tyres and its calendars.

Riccardo Muti, the conductor and La Scala's artistic director, welcomed the "rejuvenation" of the opera house, but warned investors not to overstep their role by trying to "interfere in La Scala's artistic life or dictate its choice of productions".

The privatisation scheme is the brainchild of Walter Veltroni, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture, with the support of Carlo Fontana, the opera director, and Signor Muti. Under a new Italian law, all 13 opera houses will become private foundations — with both pri-vate and public funding — by June 1999. The experiment, with La Scala leading the way. will be watched by other opera houses, including the Royal Opera House and English

National Opera. Ticket sales cover only 20 per cent of the running costs of Italian opera houses, and the rest has until now been met by central and local government. Under the new scheme at La Scala, private companies will have a 40 per cent holding, with public authorities controlling 60 per cent. The state will provide E33 million annually, with Pirelli giving £2 million, and banks and insurance companies footing the rest of the bill.

Signor Fontana said private Signor Fontana said private companies would not just have a "supporting role" but would be part of the opera house and its decision-making process. This is more than sponsorship, which has not always been a constructive factor in the music business." Signor Fontana said. He said La Scala might cut costs further by sharing produc-



La Fenice Opera House in Venice, which burned down in January last year but is due to reopen "as it was, where it was" by 2000.

Signor Muti said the new La Scala Foundation needed "iron cast written rules" to ensure that "absolute liberty and artistic autonomy" were safeguarded. He said he hoped privatisation would en-able La Scala to "re-live its golden age and recapture the spirit of the 1920s, when under Arturo Toscanini it was a model for the world of opera".

He added: "But I say to the private investors, let us understand each other dearly: by investing money you do not acquire the right to decide whether it is better to stage Luigi Spontini's The Vestal Virgin or some other lighter. romantic opera."

Corriere della Sera, which is published in Milan, said the mixture of public and private funding would liberate La Scala from the paralysing regulations and asphyxiating bureaucracy of the public sector. But Sergio Escobar, head of the Rome Opera, said he leared that opera administrators would inevitably "respond to the laws of supply and demand", and the quality of productions would fall.

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# US Jews attack Israeli 'identity' Bill

Netanyahu is at the centre of a row over who can claim to be a Jew, Tunku Varadarajan writes

AMERICAN Jews. enraged by a Bill before the Knesset that would give Orthodox rabbis a monopoly over conversion to Judaism, have dealt hostile reception to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, who is visiting the United States.

British and the second second

Reform and conservative Jews constitute more than 80 per cent of America's Jewish population, and their leaders argue that the Bill effectively relegates them to the status of second-class Jews". Mr Netanyahu, who relies on 23 Orthodox MPs to keep his rickety parliamentary coalition afloat, has expressed sup-port for the Bill, thus drawing criticism in America.

According to The New York Times yesterday, the Bill has upset Jews here so much that many are redirecting their donations to non-governmental organisations in Israel, or even to causes that bear no relation to Israel. Talking about the "who is a

Jew" Bill. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, a leading conservative scholar at New York University, said that "there is not an American Jewish family in which there is not a convert by Reform or conservative rabbis". He added: "When Israel starts carrying on and saying these are not Jews, we are being informed that many of our nieces and nephews and, alas, some of

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dren are not Jews. And that is what people care about." Gary Tobin, director of the

Cohen Centre for Modern Jewish Studies, said that American Jews, given their high rate of intermarriage with non-lews, "do not want anyone telling them that their children are not really Jews".

Mr Netanyahu was hissed and booed when he addressed a meeting in Indianapolis on Sunday, organised by the American Council of Jewish Federations. Many wore but-tons on their lapels that said: "Israel, don't write off four million Jews."

Anticipating the hostile re-ception, Mr Netanyahu had a conciliatory speech prepared for the gathering, in which he insisted that there was "no such thing as a second-class Jew". In an impassioned address, he said: "I would like to express myself . . . as a friend who is deeply and acutely aware of your bewilderment and pain. I want to state as emphatically as I can: no one, nobody, can deprive a Jew of his Jewishness.

"No power on éarth can rob any Jew of his or her identity. There can be no such thing as a second-class Jew. Every Jew — every Jew — is a legitimate Jew. Period. We are all equal before God."

In words that will now earn sharp criticism for him from Orthodox quarters back home, Mr Netanyahu said:

Paris: The trial of Maurice

Papon was suspended yester-

day when the ailing former

bureaucrat accused of crimes

against humanity during the

Second World War was taken

to hospital suffering from

double pneumonia (Ben Macintyre writes).

M Papon, 87, who stands ac-

cused of deporting more than 1,500 Jews to Nazi death

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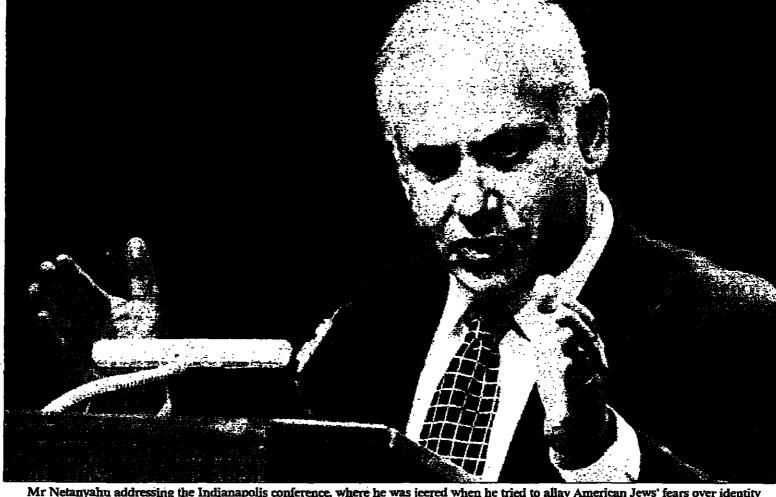
trial after being examined by

doctors at a Bordeaux hospital.

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National at the earliest.

The court ruled that hear-



Mr Netanyahu addressing the Indianapolis conference, where he was jeered when he tried to allay American Jews' fears over identity

"The membership in our faith and in our people is not the exclusive domain of anyone." It is this exclusivity, however, that Israel's powerful Orthodox lobby lays claim to, and

completed by Christmas, but

M Papon's failing health has

already caused delays and the

defence tactics is shameful.

wartime role.

The state was due to be Marc Varaut, his lawyer, said.

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which the Prime Minister has endorsed in the recent past. Mr Netanyahu's words, which appeared to soothe some American leaders — but failed to convince others -

coincided with inflammatory remarks made in Jerusalem by Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. The rabbi, whose words

the state of Israel", said: "The Reform do not belong with the people of Israel. These people have been latched on to by should be cast out, vomited American Jews as evidence out, so that they will not

that "something is rotten in

remain in Israel." The religious Shas party has ten seats in the Knesset, and Mr Netanyahu's words in Indianapolis will have infuriated the grassroots membership.

### Hungary votes to join Nato

Bonn: Hungary has voted by an overwhelming majority to join Nato (Roger Boyes writes). The official result of Sunday's referendum showed that more than 85 per cent of voters favoured Nato membership, despite evidence over the past few months of substantial resistance. The turnout was 51 per cent.

### China pit tragedy

Beijing: At least 87 miners were killed in a gas explosion at a coalmine in central China. A further 36 were brought out alive but two rescue workers were killed trying to reach them. (Reuters)

#### Banda in coma

Blantyre: Hastings Kamuzu Banda, the nonagenarian for-mer dictator of Malawi, has been flown to South Africa for emergency treatment after being in a coma for two days with pneumonia. (AFP)

#### Sharif in court

Islamabad: Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's Prime Minister, appeared before the Supreme Court after allegedly making slanderous remarks against the Chief Justice. He may be forced to step down.

#### Nigeria change

Abuja: General Sani Abacha, Nigeria's military ruler, said he has dismissed his Cabinet so that some of them could take part in his plan to restore civilian rule to the country next year. (Reuters)

#### **Born winners**

Paris: A retired French couple called Loterie have won more than Fr10 million (£1 million) in the country's lottery. Their family name was given to an ancestor by hospital officials. (AFP)

### Time exposure

Geneva: Music boxes and watches featuring clockwork erotica fetched two to three times their estimates at auction here. The biggest surprise was a 1997 Geneva watch that fetched £23,500. (AFP)

#### Trial of Papon suspended Centre Left sweeps Italian local elections

FROM RICHARD OWEN

ITALY'S ruling centre-left coalition won legal process is now expected to last well into next year. a series of stunning victories in Sunday's .The former senior official of the collaborationist Vichy relocal elections, according to results published yesterday with the left-wing gime has lost 13lb over the past mayors of Rome. Venice and Naples returned to power with landslide ten days according to his lawyers, who bitterly rejected sugmajorities. The result was seen as a further boost

gestions that M Papon was feigning illness to avoid diffifor the Government of Professor Romacult cross-examination on his no Prodi, and a crushing defeat for the Centre Right led by Silvio Berlusconi, the "No one can doubt M media tycoon and former Prime Minis-Papon's desire to see this trial ter, whose leadership of the Opposition is through to the end. . . to talk of in serious doubt

La Stampa said that only 18 months after it lost the last general election, the Green, won 60 per cent.

Centre Right — an increasingly uneasy alliance of Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia, the "post Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale led by Gianfranco Fini, and two small parties formed from the remnants of the once mighty Christian Democrats — was "falling apart".

Three mayors scored personal tri-umphs, including Antonio Bassolino, the popular former Communist Mayor of Vaples, who won 73 per cent of the vote. Italy's left-wing city administrations have benefited from cash pumped into millennium projects and government job creation schemes. In Venice Massimo Cacciari, the left-wing philosopher, won 65 per cent of the vote and in Rome Francesco Rutelli, the photogenic former

they were popular rather than because they were left-wing. But most newspapers echoed Signor Cacciari's assessment that the vote, involving five provincial councils and 421

Signor Berlusconi said the turnout had

been relatively low at 76 per cent, and the

the mayors had attracted votes because

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# Bombs, bullets and sedatives

Englishwoman Lynne Mastnak is the only practising psychiatrist in Gorazde, a town where the population is grieving, shellshocked and, sometimes, dangerous. This is her diary

MONDAY

omething has hap-pened in Gorazde. I have the feeling I am on the receiving end of an econential increase in violence and distress, as if my being a psychiatrist here has suddenly given people permission to go mad. This morning, instead of preparing my seminar, I had to see a young voman who had stopped me in the hospital courtyard two days ago saying she was having a nervous breakdown. The story is a simple one: Elvira is 18 and she and her

husband are refugees from a village near Visegrad (now in Republika Srpska). They share two rooms - a bedroom and living room/kitchen — with his sister and \_\_\_\_ her husband. The latter couple sleep Gorazde in the kitchen, but the two women

did have a were fighting all the time, so Elvira decided to set up psychiatrist separate cooking once. He facilities in the bedroom. This led to left for an almighty family row, with her hus-Austria band threatening to leave, and Elvira running out and one at the Kosevo jumping into the Drina. As hospital in Sarajevo on the

she sits there with dark shadows under her eyes, wringing her hands, saying she hadn't wanted to die but did not know what to do, I suddenly recognise her. Back in Britain, I had been seeing her counterpart on the emergency wards at least once a week for two vears: there'd been a row with parents or boyfriend the night before and she'd reached for a bottle of paracetamol as one clear way of communicating intolerable distress. Here the river is more accessible, and while I can reassure the girl that she is not going mad, and that getting the family together to talk about the conflict might provide a more lasting diazepam she has been getting from the emergency room, I cannot provide new accommodation or any possibility of a

In the afternoon two social workers interrupted a crucial seminar to ask if I could come and see another 18-year-old who had been holding her family at bay with a shotgun. and threatening to kill herself. When, after some hours, the police had disarmed her, she had bitten them and become

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highly disturbed. At the police station we talk and she tells me of her best friend's suicide in front of her a year ago, also with a shotgun, which she replays and replays in her mind. She is certain that she given a chance. My immediate choice is between admission to the intensive care ward in Saraievo or to a police cell. The police tell me the cells are full and the hospital social worker tells me it is too late for a car to take the "blue route" through Republika Srpska (RS), which means using the "Corridor" over Grebac mountain, but as yet the hospital ambulance is not back from a journey to Sarajevo. Dr A in the emergency room says it's not her problem. If the girl shoots her family and herself

it certainly will be, ble with shouting through my translator. Dzibrila, is that she gets the flak from me, and Dr A just gets Dzibrila's careful moderate tones. Never mind: I got my ambulance and a nurse escort. I cannot raise any-

phone, so I write a letter and pray they will accept her. Before I came out here, I thought the "Corridor" promised by the Dayton peace plan was a decent highway, like the road to West Berlin, linking the former enclave of Gorazde safely to the Bosnian Croat Federation without going through RS. The reality is four parallel lines on a map and a single track road that is benignly named "Canary" on the Ifor maps and on little white placards beside the road. The name doesn't seem particularly appropriate for a route that is in large part a dirt track and that switchbacks across mountains, taking four hours to bus twice a day that goes through RS and takes only two hours, but when Dzibrila was on it a few weeks ago, it was stoned by four youths outside Rogatica, glass shattering by her head. Cars with Gorazde numberplates are often stopped by Serb police who

offer the driver the choice

between an instant fine and a

court appearance. UNHCR

has argued that there should

be a uniform numberplate for

the whole country so that it is

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"Here, no one is a bystander, everyone is suffering. I am beginning to understand about the expression of grief in this society"

er's origin, but there is no sign

### TUESDAY

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Lunch at Médecins sans Frontières, then back to the "counselling flat". This is the small rented apartment I use for seminars, group and fam-

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with children. Once a week, four GPs come from the hospital for a two-hour seminar in psychological medicine. Given their workload I am both touched and impressed by their persistent interest, but they know that unless the Ministry of Health pulls its finger out, when MSF leaves there will once again be no psychiatrist in Gorazde. The town did have a psychiatrist once. He left for Austria with his two children at the beginning of the war. There is an excess of psychiatrists in Saraevo, but none of them wants to move here. Part of this is mostly it is uncertainty about the future of the town.

### WEDNESDAY

Word seems to have got round among the Bosnian Army

soldiers that I am OK. Another new one came today, with a painful story of beating and imprisonment. He has already given testimony at The Hague and the story had a slightly rehearsed feel about it. Repeated telling is clearly not enough, however, Before I arrived I was worried that working through an interpreter would be too inhibiting, but my patients tell me they don't mind. Indeed, they prefer the fact that I am an outsider, saying that they could not talk this way to someone local. In the afternoon 11 children come for a bereavement group, which I run with Amra, the local paediatric nurse. Every one of the children has lost at least one parent during the war. At the assessment interviews it was the remaining parents who burst into tears:

the children were calm, seri-

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ren seem to love their group. perhaps because it is their only chance to talk like this. Last week we discussed change and loss. Today each child told us exactly who had died, and as we went round the room listening to each solemn declaration - my father was shot on the front line, my mother was hit by a grenade in the bathroom, my father was hit by snipers in the street - it was Amra and I who were crying.

### THURSDAY

a little more about the expression of grief in this society. One of my patients today was a middle-aged man who lost his 12-year-old daughter three years ago: she was hit by a grenade when playing outside. He has never cried. He believes it would be wrong to do so, as parents crying over children fill the grave with tears, and prevent the child being happy in paradise. Like so many I see, he has terrible chest pain. "This is not an imaginary pain," I tell him your heart aches with erief." This makes sense to him, but he still prefers not to talk about it and I do not necessarily think that the insistence on the expression of emotion, beloved by Western psychiatrists, will be healing if it goe against the grain of what he believes to be right. Here, no one is a bystander, everyone is

I am beginning to understand

### MONDAY

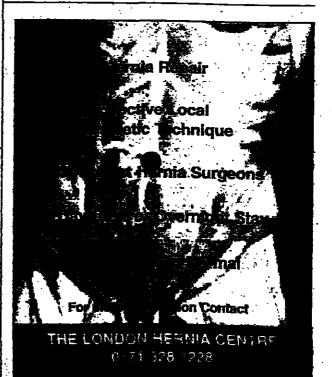
Another emergency, another angry soldier. Semir is tall, thin, flushed and articulate. Words pour out he believes the retreat from the Serb



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that was why his best friend died, he fantasises about blowing up the cafe where "those responsible" drink. I hear similar stories from others. With Nedjad it is fury at the local police, who, he feels, had a cushy war while he was on the front line, and now they have jobs and swagger around in their uniforms. There is one in particular he would like to kill: indeed he had his shotgun with him the other night and thought of using it. This is my other problem - how to assess

They are angry, resentful, irritable and on drugs of various kinds; most have access to dangerous weapons and have spent the past four years having to kill people in order to survive. I have already sent one obviously psychoic young man to Sarajevo in handcuffs. Nedjad is not psychotic, and I hope that ventilating his feelings once a week, and promising to leave his gun at home in the evenings, is enough for now. Semir, on the other hand, is very ill: besides his anger with his own side, he has developed paranoid ideas about his wife. suspecting her of creeping out every night to have an affair. He imagines noises and hallucinates faces in the house. He knows he is sick, however, and wants to take medication; his wife is supportive and understanding and neither wants him to go to hospital. I have sedated him with large amounts of anti-psychotic drugs, which I pray will help to change his thinking and give us a chance to talk at a more ordinary pace.

What comes across from all these young men is a feeling of waste, betrayal and hopeless-ness. They feel that nothing is-finished, that there is no point in trying to restart their lives. as who knows when war might start again. So they hang out in the local bars drinking brandy and exchanging prescriptions and rumours. I feel as isolated from the political mainstream as the rest of the population. So I listen, and feel quite unable to offer those things that would be really healing: some feeling of security, some sense of a future, some idea that justice has been done.

### FRIDAY

Mrs C came in with her niece on the cheek! She is an elderly lady whom I first saw three months ago, one of the old and vulnerable whom the war has tipped back into illness. From what I could piece together she had had a manic episode ten depression. On her first visit to me she was not interested in giving a history, sitting there in her headscarf and cardigan. waving her arm at me in the peculiar gesture older women. have here, a cross between beckoning someone to come close and throwing a lasso and saying repeatedly "I can't me some medicine". I told her that in England patients complain that doctors are too brief and do not listen, and that it was a first for me to be told I was taking too long. This produced a half-smile, and her niece persuaded her to be patient and answer my ques-

tions. Eventually it became dled by the Bosnian Army and clear that she became manic again last autumn when there was news that her son might have been found. He has been missing for four years, since going to the city for food, falling asleep on the journey and getting captured by the Serbs. The hopes of his return proved false and she became ill and was in hospital in Sarajevo. They put her on anti-psychotic medication, but she got very depressed and also seemed to be suffering from the restlessness that such drugs can cause. So I stopped there and started her on antidepressants. The restlessness has gone, she is now eating. ping, and working round the house again. She is very pleased with me, although still not interested in talking.



tation centres for victims of the conflict all around the country. Gorazde will have one and it looks very impressive on paper, although no provision has been made for salaries, so it remains unclear who will staff it. The single intervention that would have the biggest impact on mental health would be implementation of the civilian aspects of the Dayton agreement: treedom of movement would not only mean that I could get my patients to hospital in safety and that the staff necessary for a decent community mental health service could move to Gorazde, but it would also jump-start the town's economy and enable a return to normal-life. The fact of the matter is that Gorazde is under a social and economic previous military siege.

Seka, our programme officer, who has lived here throughout the four-year siege, calls Gorazde and its surrounding pocket of land "the appendix". It is exactly the right shape, has only a vestigial significance for the body politic, and is easy to cut off if it gets inflamed. Yet on clear days the Drina turns its own peculiar vivid blue. You can walk across the pedestrian bridge in the centre of the town as children run past you on their way to school. There are freshly painted buildings and young people sitting on café terraces. There are men fishing and an old wernen with goats on the riverbank. It is easy to understand why local people still believe this a town worth saving.

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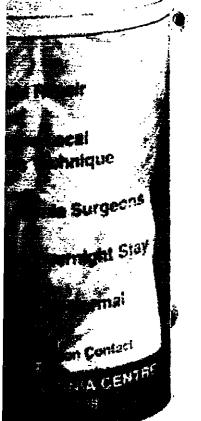
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# The shame of being a luvvie on the dole

Tough benefit rules are forcing 'resting' thespians into roles that are anything but dignified. Grace Bradberry reports

s The Full Monty continues to break box office records, one section of the population is not laughing: unemployed actors. For them, a nude cabaret routine is not an escapist fantasy but a gruesome possibility — the next time the phone rings it could be the local offering something

Signing on has always been a fall-back for the acting profession. Now this situation is under intense scrutiny and actors are being pressurised into taking what they consider is unsuitable work. Eva Marie Bryer, a 28-year-old

actress now appearing in the Channel 4 series Underworld, is among those who feel increasingly vulnerable. After five successful years in the business, she has worked only three times this year. Under the current rules, she can restrict her job search to her own profession for the first 13 weeks only. After that, if the jobcentre alerts her to a vacancy, she must apply and will generally be expected to accept the job. So while actresses pray for their agents to phone, they dread a call from the jobcentre — particularly if it has a vacancy in "their field". In July this year, Miss Bryer

received such a call Would she please come to an interview for modelling work? "I thought, 'Oh no. my agent's going to have a fit," she says. She was told the job was as an extra for photography. No one could tell her what the pictures were for.

The interview took place at Islington Jobcentre, where the photographer had installed himself behind a screen. "There were loads of other people there and we were all herded upstairs, where we had to fill out a form. It asked us our age, height and so on, but the main question in it, as far as I was. concerned, was whether I would object to being photographed nude or partially nude.

"I knew that if I put "Yes, I do ect'. I was not ec eet this job. In any normal situation for me as an actress, it would have been a straightforward choice. But in this case there was an extra issue: if I put 'no' and didn't get the job. would I then be cut off from the dole? In the end I put that I did

object, and hoped and prayed that

they wouldn't stop the payments."

Miss Bryer was not the only applicant to have a problem with nude modelling. "We were all given a great big number, and one by one we had a Polaroid taken," she says. "After a while, the photographer came out and said, Listen, everybody's asking about the nudity. This is a kosher job, it's for a German firm's annual calendar." The idea was to have people coming back from a nudist camp in a taxi. "It will be very tastefully

done," he said. "No hairy bits." "We all tried to laugh. Some guy put his hand up and said, What's the partially nude bit?" thinking he

> 'It turned out to be a gay cabaret act — and I am not a gay man'

might be able to do that. But it was more than a matter of principle. How an actress is viewed makes an enormous difference to the work she is offered. "This would be ten steps down the ladder," says Miss

The following day, she called the jobcentre to ask whether she had been chosen. "The man said he had not heard anything. I said, Well, I'm not really surprised.' He said, 'Oh, why's that?" 'Did you know we were asked to be photographed nude? He said he would phone me

jobcentre staff deliberately sent clients for nude modelling work. Indeed, they firmly believed that the job did not involve nudity. Miss Bryer was, apparently, unnecessarused by the photographer. She concedes that she was never pressurised into agreeing to nude the job had not been vetted properly, and that it was unclear how far she was expected to go, as it were,

in order to retain her benefit. In the future, however, Miss Bryer may soon lose her right to the dole altogether. At the weekend it was revealed that Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, is considering ending the special arrangements whereby actors are classified as self-employed by the Inland Revenue but as 'employed earners' by the Benefits Agency.

This special status allows actors to offset their expenses against tax, but also to pay higher rate National Insurance contributions. If this right is abolished they will only qualify for means tested benefits. not for the Job Seekers' allowance.

The previous Government dropped similar proposals after Equity, the actors' union, argued that the Treasury would lose revenue if actors and their employers paid lower-rate contributions. For actresses like Miss Bryer, the

changes are a worrying prospect. "it's a nightmare," she says. "It will mean that anyone who starts out with family money will be fine, but for anybody else it will really difficult. I'm panicked by it." Whether the proposals are imple-

mented or not, Miss Bryer already feels increasing pressure to take work that is potentially damaging to her career. She is not the only one to have faced such situations. Sandy Rees, an agent with the London theatrical company Ken McReddie, was horrified when one of her clients was approached by her local benefits office and asked to apply for work as an extra. "She is an established actress, someone that people would recognise," says Ms Rees. There is no question that for her, working as an extra would be extremely detrimental to her

"She was asked to send in photographs which would be forwarded to the relevant people'. There was no way of knowing whether she would be selected. If she was, she would be working for £60 a day - but that is not really the point. Not only would the the whole arrangement was unethical - it turned out that the job was being advertised by an agency in Southend, which would be collecting a fee. "I called the man she had dealt with and explained that taking this job would damage her



Eva Marie Bryer, sent by her jobcentre to a modelling interview, was asked if she would object to being photographed nude

chances of getting real work. On top of that, it would be through another agency, which would mean her breaking her agreement with us. I got a very sympathetic ear, and nothing came of the whole

Such instances are common, according to Virginia Wilde, the tax welfare benefits officer at Equity. Since October last year, when the jobseeker's allowance came in. their powers have got much stronger," she says. "Officials can al-ways say, "Here's a vacancy, you have to go for it'."

Most actors and actresses will not talk publicly about their experiences, for fear of harming their directors. "It can be embarrassing, unpleasant and horrible, so the people willing to publicise it are very rare," says Ms Wilde. "You don't want people to get wind of this sort of thing."

And it doesn't only happen to

women. One 38-year-old black actor, who describes his local jobcentre as "quite sympathetic", was humiliated to be put forward for a job which "they really thought would be suitable".

The potential employer specified that the applicant must have singing and movement skills. "It turned out to be a gay cabaret act. The job involved wearing leather and singing risque songs, accompanied by gestures of a sexual

"I said to the group's organiser, 'I don't think this is going to suit me at all. It's obviously intended for a if he would call the jobcentre to say that I was unsuitable. He agreed."

The future is likely to hold more such encounters. "I have a degree, I trained at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, I've being put forward for what they worked for the RSC and the considered to be an immoral job.

black actor and it's increasingly difficult to find work at my age. My CV is full of work as a mugger, a young taxi driver and so on. The name Winston appears no end. I'm not complaining. I was very fortunate to get so many jobs playing hooligans. But while other actors would have gone on to play doctors and lawyers, those parts are not

get those parts would be white, grey-haired and middle-aged. That is what people expect, even though my local hospital has lots of doctors who look like me." It would be unfair to lay the blame for such incidents entirely at

there for me. The chap that would

Decisions on which jobs to advertise are left to their discretion. Earlier this year, an MP tabled a parliamentary question after one of her constituents complained at

National Theatre. But I'm also a Yet despite an amendment to the guidelines issued to Employment Service employees, the position remains far from clear. Paragraph 200 begins: "Experi-

ence has shown that vacancies in the modelling and personal services sector can, on occasion, cause embarrassment and distress to our clients, give rise to complaints and bring the Employment Service into disrepute." However, the next line states: "Legal advice indicates that arbitrary choices cannot be made as to whose vacancies to service and whose not."

The advice that follows includes the telling line: "Ensure that details of the type of organisation are escort agency, massage parlour. etc.)". If they are in doubt, jobcentre employees are advised not to advertise the vacancy. It would be understandable if

they were left confused by the rather woolly guidance.



Boys together was once clean fun; now it's sleaze and disease

# Why men can't be just good friends

tered my life, no one had implied that I might be a homosexual. Granted, an excess of maternal affection may mean that I would never have made Hemingway feel like a big girl's plouse. But gay? Not unless there is some as yet unexploded corner of my psyche waiting to surprise me.

Barclays became a factor when I decided to buy a place to live in London. My choices were limited: a tiny flat in a good area; a larger flat in a lousy area; doubling up with a friend and buying a decentsized place in a decent area.

I chose the third option, to pool resources with an old friend from school and university. He is unmarried, but he has rarely been without a girlfriend and is about as gay as Casanova. The bank, how-ever, was not so sure. "Two chaps buying a place together eh?" they thought. "Fishy." Lester, from Barclays insur-

ance, who wears a ring on his left hand engraved with his initials, telephoned to say that in order to get life insurance to cover our mortgage, we would have to take some special

What tests exactly? "HIV tests," he said.

Was this standard practice? "No. It's because you are two men buying together." If one of us was a woman, all would be well. Two men, however, and we are what

they call "a risk". We are a risk not because we might be two ragingly in non-stop, unprotected sex with a chocolate box of exotic Philip Delves Broughton was labelled an Aids risk by bankers who think cohabiting males must be gay

partners, or because we might be mainlining heroin from second-hand needles, but rather because we might be

It was no good getting self-righteous with Lester. The housebuying process was already too far gone and we needed his money.

Lester gave me the telephone number of a mobile doctor and the first name of a nurse, Sarah. When I called her, Sarah asked: "When would it be convenient for you and your partner to come in for your HIV saliva test?"

We had gone from being two old friends who thought

that two salaries rather than one would carry more clout in the overheated London prop-

erty market, via the frankly limp-wristed mortgage divi sion of a high street bank and suspicions of a man called Lester to being called "partners" by the nurse at an HIV

In the eyes of the red-bloods and yahoos of Barclays Premier Banking, we might as well have been Liberace and T. E. Lawrence asking for a pair of one-way tickets to

It is lucky we did not stop off along the way to look at wallpaper swatches or else sumptions might have been

More irritating than the presumptions and suspicions, however, were the possible

Tor many types of insurance, companies ask applicants whether or not they have previously had an HIV test. Just admitting that you have had one, even if it was negative, can push up your premium on the ground that if you needed to have a test, you could be a risk.

Consequently, many people have these tests done anonymously. When a bank demands the test, however, it becomes impossible to have it

The test itself was straightforward enough. I sucked on

for someone with a less than orgiastic sex life, the wait for the all-clear is a nervous one. When the results came through the next day, how-

ever, no one bothered to telephone me. The bank's my "partner", to say that both our tests were negative and the mortgage could go ahead. Lester would probably have deployed his evil manoeuvre even if I had offered to engage

in full-blown (but protected) coitus with a female receptionist on the floor of Barclays insurance division to prove my lower risk status. Now he has his evidence.

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# Why we all must pay for Oxbridge

The elite need public money

too, says Anatole Kaletsky

Socialism is the language of priorities."
This was one of the favourite slogans of Aneurin Bevan, the Labour left-winger who turned out to be the most successful minister in the postwar Attiee Government and whose centenary is celebrated by Britain's dwindling band of cialist stalwarts this week. Tony Blair, as we all know, has consigned Socialism to the dustbin. But has he also forgotten Bevan's insight that

to govern is to choose? Choosing among the desirable uses of public money is the essence of all active government; set-ting the right priorities matters more to believers in the government than it does to apostles of laisser faire. This question of priorities

will arise in a particularly emotive and surprising manner in the coming weeks, when the Government decides whether to stop a special payment of £35 million which it makes each year to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. This Oxbridge fee, which supports the two universities' unusual system of personal tuition in semi-independent residential colleges, is drop in the ocean of the

Government's £320 billion public expen-diture budget. Yet it could become a defining issue for Mr

serving only the poor To put the matter at its starkest, if Mr would be Blair eliminates or suppresses the disaster unique characteristics of these two world-renowned universities.

he will show that he misunderstands the balance between collective action and economic individualism which underlies his entire political project. One reason for this has been

much discussed. Experience shows that great intellectual advances are most often made in centres of excellence which bring together the best minds in a wide range of subjects. (Think back to the Florence of the Medici or the Athens of Pericles).

There is nothing mysterious about this principle of concentration. It is simply an example of what economists call increasing returns to scale". This principle also explains the natural clustering of many non-academic economic activities, ranging from finance in the City of London to computer research in California and (dare I mention it?) racing-car production in the Midlands.

In sum, if the Government's maximise the intellectual payoff from every pound it spends on universities, it would do better to concentrate even more of its limited resources on Oxford, Cambridge and a handful of other unquestioned centres of academic excellence in Britain, forcing other universities to tighten their belts even harder.

But surely no Labour Government could contemplate such a policy of giving more money to the richest universities, while taking from the poorer ones and their

Here we must return to Nye Bevan's priorities. Having allowed student numbers to

grow by 40 per cent with no increase in funding, the Gov-ernment will clearly have to spend more money on the whole university system, once the present cap on public spending expires in April 1999. But where will this money come from? The answer is equally clear: it must come from a combination of higher taxes (perhaps in the guise of the new student loans) and cutbacks in other depart-ments, ranging from Defence to Social Security. But how can a Labour Government channel scarce resources to universities, which means subsidi-

and the middle class? Most present-day Labour politicians are totally floored by this question. They know in their bones that the Government ought to support higher education, science, culture and other "elite" activities. But how can they justify spending which favours the middle class? To Nye Bevan, I suspect, the answer would have been perfectly obvious

The provision of cultural "public goods" such as education is one of the main functions of government. The Government's ability to provide these goods to society

more effectively than individuals could buy them through the market is among the main reasons why middle-class voters are prepared to support a strong active

money spent on universities (or on operas) is a redistribution to the relatively rich. But such cultural spending is not only beneficial to society as a whole; it is also a necessary condition for retaining the commitment of the relatively rich to the entire system of taxation and public spending. The distributional effects of government activity must be ged not at the level of each

individual programme but by the impact of the tax and public spending system as a whole on the gap between the rich and the poor. If the Government never spends on the middle class, it will soon lose its ability to take from the middle class.

As American experience shows, the middle class will gradually turn against the very idea of government if they feel they are getting nothing from government except tax

Tor politicians such as Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher Margaret Thatcher there was nothing better than to present government as no more than a funnel, which collects the money of the middle class and pours it straight into the maw of the poor and the unemployed. But for Tony Blair, who passionately believes in government's ability to build a stronger society, a State which is seen to serve nobody but the poor

For Mr Blair, there should be no higher priority than to show that a strong, competent Government is of service to all - and that includes even the

would be a disaster.



# A land fit for Neros

have had a happy daydream lately in which a gruff, tough, stoutish, golden-hearted old Labour figure of vaguely 1930s vintage knocks out the dottle from his pipeful of Old Navy shag, claps the questing TV journalist on the shoul-der with enough force to set his swivel-chair revolving, and says with a bluff manly bark of laughter. "Hey,

lad, steady oop. Tworking man likes his fag, and tworking man likes his Formula One, and there's an end to pay for it through their taxes. Public it. Oi, Mandelson, lad! My coat. I can't stop here arguing, there's health and education and crime to be sorted out by tea." No such luck. Instead we get days

of cant and waffle and evasion over the three dullest subjects in the Universe: fag advertising, motor-racing, and whether political parties should admit who gives them money. Of course they should: end of story. Nor am I terribly interested in whether Tony Blair has successfully convinced everybody he is a "straight guy" or whether, as one pundit. portentously put it, "the petals really are off now

Who cares? Who wants bloody petals on a Prime Minister? We have got this Government for five years, so rather than analyse whether we love it enough we should urge and goad it to get on with what needs doing. The Formula One affair is, frankly, the legislative equivalent of rearranging the cutlery drawer while the house is on fire. What about resources for education, the newly published plans to dismantle the NHS internal market, and the debate on welfare provision currently raging between Harriet Harman and Frank Field? These things will change lives, the lives of people who are vulnerable and poor and have few choices. Faffing about with tobacco advertising — if it affects anyone — affects only people with freedom and money enough to make the choice to kipper

their own lungs. Why are they such a high priority? Today there is another issue. equally likely to be obscured by useless politicking. Michael Meacher, admittedly not the showiest of ministers, has promised to toughen up the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. He is preparing a new Bill, "but of course I do have to compete with other ministers" (translation:

This is his response to a lobby of 22 groups, from Friends of the Earth to the Marine Conservation Society, Our countryside is being blighted while the

Government fiddles over Formula One

who have proposed a Wildlife Charter to give more protection to heathland, estuaries, grassland and moors and to enforce remedy for damage and to make it less financially desirable for farmers to plough grassland and grub out hedges.

Yes, that still happens: these things may sound like old battles, fought and won ten years ago, but they are not. The battle for sympathy did well, so that every schoolchild is at some stage forcibly taken pond-dipping; but meanwhile they are still rooting out hedges, spraying herbicides and pesticides and ploughing up ancient grassland.

organisations make the point that it is not only sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs) that count. but the wider scene: there is absolutely no point protecting a marsh fritillary if you allow its source

of food to be destroyed. Anyway, even SSSIs are not safe: in five years from 1991 one in five of them was damaged. So what hope for the next rung down - ESAs, or environmentally sensitive areas, where farmers can get a small subsidy for not

wrecking the joint? Plainly, there is no hope at all for bits of green land with no fancy initials: according to the last Government's made-up figures (adopted zombie-like, unquestioned, by the present crew) this is where we shall build half of the 4.4 million new homes which will be "needed" because of the forecast rate of family break-up.

The new charter is moderate and urgent and uncomfortably well supported by fact. We are losing our native wildlife, animal and plant species are dying for lack of food, or because their wetland is destroyed by careless extraction by water companies which find it cheaper than fixing leaky pipes. They are being crowded out by invasive, alien crops or concreted over. Governments and local authorities pushed for cash and with an eye on "planning gain" are almost invariably a pushover for any developer who makes noises about green values and "sensitive landscaping". Even when a landowner is found to have done massive illegal damage it is very rare indeed for the culprit to be made to restore it. Sometimes, in any case, it is impossi-

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As for the way we treat the sea, don't even let me start on that or you will be stuck here all day with me raving about sand-eels and puffins and seal mortality and the proposal to use the most fragile part of the East Coast as an offshore oil-transfer site. Everywhere in this issue you find muddle and evasion and lack of

unregarded ministers and chronic short-termism. There are Third which have more coherent environmental policies than we do. I suppose

wouldn't matter if this was some flat, dreary polder or monotonous prairie, the kind of landlump where you need save only a few square miles to get the general idea of what the rest was like. But we happen to live on a precious jewel. Sailing round it as we once did in one summer, you gasp at the variety: from marsh and sandling heaths to chalk downlands, granite cliffs, jagged limestone and deep forests.

And that is just the edge. Trek inland and we have quiet meadows. wild moors, holy woodland, tum-bling rivers, brooding lakes and broads. To value them you need not hate your own species: varied and quirky to start with, the landscape has accepted centuries of human husbandry to become even more diverse. Its shapes and vistas offer a valuable, visible history lesson about the development and endeavours of man in nature.

Man's interference, though, was previously held in check by his capacities. To live and eat we had to change the face of the land: but because we were weak we did it respectfully, with an eye to natural regeneration. The wildlife thrived on this, existing in cosy symbiosis with the farmer and herdsman (think of

vest mouse). The Norfolk Broads and the Somerset Levels, intricately manmade, enriched as much as they destroyed. It is only in a short eyeblink of history that we have grown so powerful with our concrete and our chemicals that for the first time there is a pressing need for us to show mercy towards nature. Most people sense that. Even ten years ago. surveys already showed 87 per cent of the British public worried about the decline of wildlife. And yes, Labour, the urban poor have a right to worry, too. Inner-city primary schools have plenty of small children anxious that by the time they get to go on a country holiday, there might be no more hedgehogs.

The worst thing is that there is no

political constituency for this unease. Hence Swampies who prefer tunnels to ballot boxes. The Tories, traditional guardians of the countryside through the medium of beet-faced squires, deliberately let that root die World countries in the 1980s. Baroness Thatcher, it was only too plain, never liked untidy-looking countryside, nor spared a kind word for a homeless toad. But Labour doesn't care either. not deep down. The manifesto said sullenly "We-will-ensure-greater-protection-for-wildlife", in much the same way as a child says "I'll-get-thehomework-done," but there is no sign of any engagement of ideas on the subject. Bet you Peter Mandelson

wouldn't cross the road to give a pipit

an even break.

Tace it: they don't care. Look at the unthinking acceptance of the "need" for greenfield building. Look at the sulky, unstudied way in which the Foste foxhunting Bill was first supported, then half-dropped by the Govern-ment, for reasons connected more with the Countryside Rally and the obduracy of the Lords than with any real contemplation of the complex. muddy, smelly, frosty realities of a winter morning and an atavistic rural hunting community. I am not saying that Labour has no principles, just that it has no instinct for this particular issue. Somebody has to green the party up.

Perhaps this lobby will help. Otherwise, I can think of worse ploys for William Hague than getting his wellies on and heading out into the meadows and marshes to restore the Tories' lost credentials as guardians

### **Phoenix** rises in Windsor

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**Marcus Binney** enjoys a quibble with perfection

The restoration of Windsor Castle is a triumph, giving Britain the counterpart of the reconstructed palaces of Leningrad, or the newly furnished interiors at Vernittee Castle Ca sailles. Twenty, thirty or even ten years ago such a restoration would have been cautious and underplayed. No longer. This time we have the full monty, opulence not seen in the royal palaces for a century. But while much is inspired — even

flawless — there are some elements which are questionable, bizarre and crude. The new harmerbeam roof of St George's Hall is stupendous, turning a room with the proportions of a railway carriage into a majestic ceremonial hall full of the trappings

of chivalry.

What lets it down are the lights, rigidly vertical and set close to the walls, they cast shadows as unfortunate as those on a human face lit from below by candlelight. Apparently they can be adjusted, but much more light needs to be shone diagonally across the room, not just

straight up and down.

Giles Downes, the architect who won the commission for all new work after the fire, treated Gothic as a decorative style to be plundered, with all the relish of Horace Walpole at Strawberry Hill. His new doors at the end of St George's Hall present a spider's web of Gothic arches. The bronze lock cases, inset with a grille of interlaced flowers and tassels, have handles beautifully fashioned as

roses wound round with dragons.
"We have a lot of St Georges in this hall. I thought we needed a few dragons," says Mr Downes. On the gallery, more dragons hold spears: a little Disneyish perhaps, but marvellously lithe, Behind, in a wonderfully theatrical gesture, the King's Champion appears on a lifesize charger in magnificent armour made for the Elizabethan courtier Sir

Christopher Hatton.

Downes's tour de force is a jewel of a circular flying staircase. The oak balusters branch like trees and it is hard to work out how they are put together until he explains they are actually cut from solid panels of oak, sacrificing much of the wood in the

Downes repeats the trick in the new Lantern Lobby, a glorious umbrella vault with echoes of William Beckford's Fonthill Abbey, and an even more elaborate balustrade of two overlapping branching layers.

Again I find the lighting awkward and curse the window filled with pallid, tinted and frosted glass, such as might have been used in a church restoration of the 1950s. It is in the new chapel that Mr Downes becomes positively bizarre. The new vault is like a fishnet stretched over a dinosaur skeleton. Nor is the colour scheme of stone-coloured walls and blue ceiling much better.

Yet all this makes for better preparation for the explosion of colour and richness that follows in the three state rooms.

The Crimson Drawing Room, awash with lustrous red silk on every wall and chair, gilt furniture and gilt plasterwork, is a positive hymn to the glory of monarchy. Hugh Roberts, the director of the Royal Collections, who masterminded these rooms, says the aim was that George IV should instantly recognise them". The new inlaid parquetry floor in birch and ebony rivals the best marble but is already suffering from scratches.

Beyond, the Green Drawing Room is ravishing, with emerald green silk that glows like malachite and superbly burnished water gilding. On the doors, prized carved wood trophies from Carlton House gleam like ormolu bronze

Some 20,000 books of gold, 25 leaves to a book, were used. Not to mention curtains weighted down with fringes, braids and tassels. It's madly extravagant, but like Pavarotti it transforms the whole occasion.

7 hat makes the rooms ultimately is the lighting. On the dullest of November mornings, they are glowing. Chande-liers are ablaze with candles (tiny electric bulbs producing a light as subtle as actual flame). Wall lights and candelabra, where each bulb has its own little shade, produce a

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superbly festive effect. No easily visible trace has been left of the fire damage. Neither surviving plasterwork nor parts salvaged from the fire and reincorporated, can be readily distinguished from new work. The desire, superbly fulfilled, has been to create a seamless robe. It recalls the story of a man who took a plate to the restorer. "Do you want it mended the English way or the Chinese?" he was asked. The English way is too mend it invisibly, the Chinese to mark the break with gold leaf because the break is part of the history of the plate, I feel the achievement would be all the more recognisable for leaving a few small panels, highlighting original detail and finishes that escaped damage in the fire and showing how well the

quality has been matched. Less of an achievement is the reopening of huge lengths of vaulted medieval undercrofts, unseen and partitioned off for years.

The state rooms of Windsor reopen on Saturday, December 27. They are a must, and all the better for having a few elements that we can quibble at.

# The Right stuff

I KNOW that in this giving age Tony Blair wants to talk to everyone, but does that have to include those who were once at the Fascist end of the political spectrum? Max Mosley, son of Sir Oswald and Diana Mitford, dropped in at No 10 for a friendly chat with the Prime Minister on October ló this year alongside his business partner, Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula One boss. He has also personally donated at least £3.000 to the Labour Party. But, although Mr Mosley happened not to mention the

detail during an interview with Simon Sebag Montefiore in last weekend's Sunday Times, I can now reveal that he was close to being a gauleiter in his father's

Fascist organisation. The Mosley scion, who is president of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile, motor racing's governing body, put his name forward in the 1964 general election as a candidate for the Union Movement, a postwar version of the British Union of Fascists and the highest profile anti-immigration group of its day. Despite admitting "it's obvious, knowing what we know now, that it was wrong", further details from Mosley Jr's CV make interesting reading. In 1961, as a 21-year-old Oxford undergraduate, he was fined for obstructing a policeman while he tried to break up an anti-apartheid demonstration in Trafalgar Square. The following year he was quoted by a Daily Herald reporter. Labour are greatly exaggerated.



A Right pair: Diana and son

who went undercover at the movement's meetings, as saying: "In our kind of politics one needs to be as good at a punch-up as talking to a university professor." After the mid-Sixties he renounced his politics, but obviously still has a taste for the corridors of power.

### Hamming 1t THE reports of the death of old



types round for lunch last week. there was not a cherry tomato, let alone a rocket leaf in sight. Instead, his guests were offered butties made of sliced, white bread and industrial-strength margarine, filled with processed ham and cheese. When one of the visitors complained that he could not get his mouth round the ministerial fare, Mr Prescott beamed: "I like doorsteps." Beer, however, was not on the menu.

 EVADING Tube fares, Lembit Opik has learnt, can be a costly business. Yesterday found the fresh-faced Lib Dem MP travelling by rail from his Montgomeryshire constituency to Westminster. "I asked on the train for a ticket that would take me to Westminster station, not just to King's Cross," he

says. "But when I tried to get off there they told me it was invalid and asked for a £10 penalty fare." Opik refused to part with a penny. filling in a form instead. "I'll be tackling John Prescott about this," he growled.

### Holy wrath

THE latest tome by William Oddie, the high priest of family values, has opened a fresh schism within the Roman Catholic Church Charles Wookey, Cardinal Basil Hume's senior aide, took



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such exception to The Roman Option, detailing the conversion of prominent Anglicans such as Ann Widdecombe and John Gummer to Catholicism, that he gatecrashed the launch party.

With the Holy Spirit coursing through his veins, the cardinal's

sidekick headed straight for Oddie and proceeded to abuse him publicity. "He confronted me in a very belligerent manner but it became apparent that he hadn't read the book," recalls Oddie.

• The Prince of Wales cannot seem to escape his run of bad luck. A few hours before his 49th birthday party at Highgrove was about to begin last Saturday evening, news came of the death of his close friend Lady Tryon. The party went ahead anyway but, even though supper was organically grown, spirits remained rather sombre.

### Bunker shots

STEPHEN DILLANE, the toast of the town after his appearance in Welcome to Sarajevo, released this week, almost ruined an earlier career because of a passion for golf. Before breezing into drama, he was employed as a reporter on that august suburban publication. The Croydon Advertiser. "He was best known for his golfing prowess," his

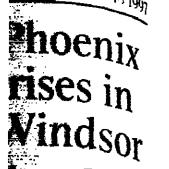


former news editor tells me. "He had a habit of sneaking off to Purley golf course for a few hours at hinchtime." Obviously, it never proved a serious handicap. ...

• IT WAS not a good time for Tourism Minister Tom Clarke to win a free week's holiday in Jamaica. "Will someone please tell Peter Mandelson I've put the ticket back in the draw, pleaded Clarke after he won the raffle at the Guild of British Travel Writers' dinner.

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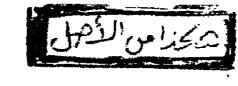
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### **POWER TO PARENTS**

Lessons from the league tables for all parties to consider

The school league tables published by the alter incentives. Whatever their imperfec-Government today represent transition. The results themselves were the last achieved under a Conservative Government. The methods by which they have been compiled and presented have been altered this year by David Blunkett. Both parties have much that they can and will point to. The Tories will note the continued improvement in the overall scores and the striking success of many grant-maintained schools and city technology colleges. This, William Hague will doubtless say, serves as a vindication of Conservative reforms — such as league tables themselves — that were initially opposed by the Labour Party.

Mr Blunkett is likely to concentrate his fire on the future. The tables that we publish in our supplement and - in even more detail - on the Internet contain valuable additional information. The introduction of a four-year formula and an improvement index will allow parents to make a more informed assessment. The incorporation of vocational qualifications into these numbers is also a rational development. The Government's plan for an extra "value added" element may prove rather ambitious. The contentious and complicated decisions that this will involve may keep the statisticians in secure employment but are less likely to enlighten the average citizen.

The Department for Education might find its time better spent on a more basic methodological matter. From their beginning, these tables have been centred on the proportion of pupils achieving five highgrade passes in the GCSE examination. This appears to have persuaded schools to place their efforts in ensuring that borderline candidates achieve the maximum number of passes. As a consequence, it is alleged, both the brightest and the least able children have received less attention. A switch in system to one where each pass carries with it a number of points - the average total of which then became the key figure - would tions, school league tables have been an invaluable innovation and one that this Government has been wise to acknowledge. The continuing resistance of teaching unions does not suggest that academic performance is their highest priority. Mr Blunkett will doubtless be denounced by them but should see that as a compliment. A government that destroyed or diluted this annual exercise would have no credibility on the question of

Core principles have emerged that should be the basis of policy. The first is accountability, in the shape of accessible information on all aspects of school life. The second is autonomy, in the sense that individual institutions should have the maximum possible freedom from their local education authority. The third is diversity in structure rather than the Stalinist singularity of 1970s comprehensives. Fourth comes flexibility in terms of admissions procedure. Fifth is the specialisation that schools should be allowed to nurture and then advertise as distinctive academic emphasis. Those schools that enjoyed the highest aggregate results — and the group of more than 200 schools that have continually improved over the four years consistently display such features,

The Tories will take this as an affirmation of their stance in office. Labour will doubtless claim that, in practice, the Conservatives were concerned with a small number of children in affluent areas and thus obsessed with selection. Neutrals must come to their own conclusions. The challenge is now what will be done over this Parliament. If Labour acts to spread the core principles that seem to have established themselves in some cases, then it will deserve its own legacy. If it does not, education could quickly re-emerge as a key Conservative issue. All of this will be fought over data that is openly available. Information is power and that power now rightly rests with parents.

### **BLOOD ON THE NILE**

#### Fundamentalist terrorism feeds on frustration and repression

The massacre of at least 69 tourists in Luxor is one of the bloodiest crimes ever perpetrated by Islamist activists. The gunmen who sprayed British, Japanese, Swiss and German tourists with machinegun fire killed in one bloody morning more than twice as many foreigners as all those. murdered in the random attacks since. Muslim activists began their terror campaign five years ago. A further 24 were wounded in events as horrific as they are destabilising. The uncomprehending grief of relatives is matched only by the shame of ordinary Egyptians that a country that was the cradle of civilisation should now be associated with such barbarity.

The attack, the second murderous assault on tourists in two months, is probably the work of the al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, the underground organisation dedicated to the overthrow of President Mubarak and the destruction of Egypt's secular society. Since the assassination of President Sadat, Egypt has fought a long-running battle with militants, hanging dozens of "martyrs" who have been convicted of terrorism by military courts. Police raids, summary trials, the use of torture and intensified security around all the tourist sites have been matched by legislation banning dozens of extremist groups and cracking down on religious fundamentalism. A year ago it seemed as though the most extreme groups had been defeated, their leaders imprisoned, executed or subdued. Tourism, the lifeblood of Egypt's fragile economy, had recovered and even surpassed previous totals. But Hydra-

headed, the terrorist monster has returned. The challenge to President Mubarak is formidable. Despite frequent reassurances on security by tourist spokesmen, the authorities have repeatedly been outwitted and outgunned. The police have based anti-terrorist operations and their credibility is at an all-time low. Assyut, a Nile town between Cairo and Luxor with a history of bloody feuding, is now a no-go area for foreigners. A bewildered public sees Egypt drifting into a downward spiral, with the terrifying example of Algeria as a reminder of how bad things could get.

President Mubarak will undoubtedly order a fresh crackdown in response to yesterday's attack. But his uncompromising line is increasingly difficult to enforce. For militant Islam is taking full advantage of the frustration throughout the Arab world with the stalled Arab-Israeli peace process, the growing gap between rich and poor, unemployment, the absence of any legitimate channels through which to express political opposition and the corruption that has accompanied privatisation and economic reform. Throughout the Middle East anti-Americanism is again raising its head, riding on the back of anti-Israel rhetoric and a general anger against the West. Saddam Hussein's renewed challenge to the West is applauded by millions; his incitement to target Western interests is echoed by extremists as a call to arms against Westerners.

Few in the Middle East know how to defeat terrorism. Two enlightened kings -King Hassan of Morocco and King Hussein of Jordan - are attempting, through democracy, to isolate the extremists by giving legitimate opposition a political voice: both have just held elections which have demonstrated their countries' political maturity. Terrorism, however, feeds on frustration and repression. When it vents its anger so terribly on the innocent, governments must look beyond their security forces to deeper causes of malaise.

### STREETWISE BIRDS

### Pigeons are fine specimens of the survival of the unfittest

They are poisoning pigeons in the park, and London are not such superstars of the breed. not just as the refrain in Tom Lehrer's song. His was a wildly politically incorrect fantasy, and Lehrer's black humour is said to appeal more to the British than to his countrymen. But as our New York correspondent reports, a serial aerial killer really

is poisoning the city's pigeons in flocks. Bird-lovers are concerned about the tortures of death by pesticide. A spokesman offers an analysis appropriate for Woody Allen's backyard: "This is someone who truly hates pigeons and could be a very disturbed person." And there is sentiment for one of the few species that not only survives. but thrives in the street jungles of New York.

For pigeons are the shabby grey unemployables of city life. The gentle and plump birds have an urban strut and bob of the head as characteristic as those of commuters in the rush hour. Their swirling flocks are a tourist attraction from Trafalgar Square to the Piazza San Marco. They have been semidomesticated by man from temple sacrifices to gifts for lovers and as provisions in pies and dovecots. The athletic among them are the poor man's racehorses and can fly hundreds of miles. And they are not as cheap as all that. In July 1992 a cock pigeon called Invincible Sport was sold for £110,800 to Ms Louella Pigeon World of Leicestershire.

But the street pigeons of New York and

The inscription of the verse by Emma Lazarus on the Statue of Liberty could apply to them also: "Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore." They are composed of a bewildering array of crossbreeds of domesticated strains, all of them ultimately descended from the European rock dove. Street pigeons are greedy, dirty and streetwise. They know how to take the Tube or the subway. And when a Londoner started to kidnap the pigeons in Trafalgar Square for sale to restaurants, the public health authorities gave warning that their flesh was so polluted that it was poisonous.

Like Londoners then, many New Yorkers seem happy to see dead pigeons on their streets. There is no danger of an ornithographic catastrophe, however. Like rats, grey squirrels and now Canada geese, street pigeons are as urbanised as New Yorkers or Londoners. They may not look like it. But they have become magnificent engines for street living. Others will flock to fill any gaps made by the pigeon poisoner. The only way to rid the city of street pigeons would be to clear the streets of restaurant garbage, black bags of litter and bread thrown out for them by pigeon-fanciers. And that is not going to happen in cities until street pigeons fly farther than they waddle.

### Dilemma of raising party funds without incurring debts Tardy payout hits

From Mr Gregory Shenkman

Sir. Tony Blair (reports, article and leading article, November 17; letters, November 13, 14, 15, 17) is reacting with the sort of hasty panic which the rest of us may repent at leisure if the Bernie Ecclesione affair results in a decision to provide public funding for political parties. Such a step would be profoundly inappropriate and smack of the nanny state which many of us fear new Labour represents. The same goes for limits on the size of donations.

Political parties and their leaders should ensure that their decisions are not influenced unduly by those from whom the party receives its funding. It would be little short of pathetic for the Prime Minister to ban or restrict funding from private sources on the basis that he cannot exercise proper judgment or control in his own party. The electorate should reject governments it cannot trust. That is democracy.

Individuals and private-sector companies should be permitted to finance political parties as they feel appro-priate. To deny this freedom and to replace it with a system of centrally controlled funding and/or size limits would be profoundly illiberal and introduce a sinister element of bureaucratic control which has no place in. British politics.

The Government is required to behave in a way which is both ethical and seen to be ethical. It has palpably failed to do so recently — Mr Blair's rather immodest apology notwith-standing. The rest of us should not

EMU entry terms

From Sir Malcolm Rifkind, QC

Sir. The Prime Minister, in his Guild-

the Government's decision on joining

a single currency would be "judged on

No one doubts that the economic

nation if it does not also encourage a

national debate on the constitutional

Creating a single European cur-

rency and abolishing, for ever, the

pound sterling would be a major step

towards a European government. Im-

mediate control over exchange rates

and interest rates, and the consequent inevitable trend towards public

expenditure and fiscal harmonisation.

could not all be dealt with by unelect-

ed central bankers, however worthy.

Taxation, public expenditure and

the value of the currency go to the

heart of democratic accountability in

any parliamentary democracy. If they

were to be controlled at the European

level, a European government and the

European Parliament would be the

If the Prime Minister cannot see

that, it is just as well that the Leader of

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky ("Currency

hustlers of the CBI", November 11)

attributes the failure of over 70 per

cent of companies questioned to res-pond to the CBI survey to only two

reasonable" conclusions: indiffer-

ence to EMU or a conscious decision

There is a third, and more plausible reason: lack of regard for the CBI as

Sir, Michael Evans, in his report

today headed "Saudis and Turks limit

Tornado missions", implicitly makes

a telling and timely case for the UK to

That HMS Invincible may be de-

ployed towards the Gulf, to compen-sate for apparent Saudi and Turkish

reluctance to allow RAF aircraft based

there to be used for offensive action, is

a stark reminder of the complete flexi-

bility of the aircraft carrier operating

in international waters against the in-

flexibility of aircraft tied to someone

In the 1966 Defence Review, this

distinction was overlooked as the then

Labour Government scrapped the

projected new fleet carriers. Fortun-

ately, by way of partial correction in

the 1970s, the Sea Harrier was deve-

loped for Invincible and her sisters,

just in time for the Falklands conflict.

With replacements for the carriers

now subject to the Strategic Defence

Review, the Saudis and Turks have il-

luminated this debate quite helpfully.

I hope this Government takes due

(Special adviser at the MoD, 1991-92),

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96a Felsham Road, Putney, SW15.

else's airbase.

note.

Yours faithfully,

November 14.

JOHN GARDNER

retain carrier-based airpower.

beneficiaries.

the Opposition does.

MALCOLM RIFKIND

(Foreign Secretary, 1995-97).

From Mr Michael Preston

to stay on the fence.

Yours faithfully

an entity worth replying to.

MICHAEL PRESTON.

11 Cross Keys Close, W1. November 12.

Case for carriers

From Mr John Gardner

20 Spylaw Street, Edinburgh

Yours sincerely,

November II.

mistake government dishonesty and/ or incompetence for a fundamental flaw in the manner in which political parties are funded. It may not be perfect. but it is better than the alter-

Business has tended to support the Tories (although more recently new Labour as well) on the basis that it believes they will be friendly to business interests. In the same way the trade unions have always funded Labour because they expect the Labour Party to support the trade union movement and Labour has never been ashamed of this source of funds. Why should business or private individuals be treated differently?

Yours faithfully, GREGORY SHENKMAN, 35 Scarsdale Villas, W8. November 17.

From Mr Peter Chapman

Sir. Can one be forgiven for doubting that altruism underlies financial donations to political parties from business?

Surely the air would be clearer if parties were to be funded from public funds, Arm-twists would be avoided and the different parties could be treated fairly. I am not sure that the taxpayer

would object too strongly if a modest ceiling were imposed on election expenditure. After all, this year's most costly exercise succeeded in boring the electorate rigid and seems to have done little to encourage folk to vote.

State funding should mean that we end up with more of a people's parliament, where policy is formed by conviction tested in debate rather than by the colour of someone's money.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Yours faithfully, PETER CHAPMAN (Headmaster, The Knights Templar School), Park Street, Baldock, Hertfordshire. November 14.

#### From Dr I. Mertling-Blake

Sir, It is obviously painful for those who make hugely generous political donations to have their assurances that they neither seek nor expect commercial favours doubted. Surely unselfish citizenship of such high order deserves better than to be sullied by unworthy innuendo?

Why not have these philanthropists contribute to one, audited, political fund, to be divided in direct proportion to the numbers who voted for each political party at the previous

Furthermore, annual notification of names and amounts donated would eliminate suspicion of any ulterior personal motives when Birthday and New Year Honours Lists are pub-

I remain, yours faithfully, IAN M. BLAKE, Blair Cottage. Aultgrishan, Melvaig, Gairloch, Wester Ross.

From Dr David Valentine

Sir, I am more than a little concerned

I handed in my firearms ten days after the ban came into effect in July. According to the Home Office's explanatury leaflet it would be "several weeks" before they were in a position to acknowledge my claim. I received

phone to the Home Office have revealed that my claim is number ten thousand and something out of seventy or eighty thousand by their estimate, but they are concentrating on A and B claims, ie, for those very limited numbers of items included on their compensation price list. Type C claims, which require a valuation by the claimant and which the majority of serious shooters will have submitted, are

At this rate of progress, as the Home Office has been given no deadline for completing the compensation scheme, it could be some years before all claimants are paid. Also, there is no provision for the payment of inter-est, thus reducing the value of the claim; a matter which should perhaps concern the Parliamentary Ombuds-

November 10.

From Mr Richard Lambert

Sir. Mr Nicholas Beale's suggestion hall speech on November 10, said that a hard-headed assessment of the eco-nomic benefits". The Chancellor made a similar remark in his speech to the CBI fletters, November 10 and 15]. arguments will be very important, but the Government will be failing the

Christianity, in common with the of belief in God in dynamic terms -"conversion", "vision", "revelation", gious sense of awe), not in dry intellec-

reason - mainstream Christianity at least has always seen the two as complementary — and I accept that philo-sophical and scientific reasoning heln w tion at the margins. But belief in God is an attitude of mind and a positioning of oneself towards the world which arises from experience, from confrontation with one's everyday problems, and from deep reflection on

Yours faithfully. RICHARD LAMBERT, 28 The Sheraton. St Marks Hill, Surbiton, Surrey.

each, no doubt, weighed much evidence but have reached different conclusions on the matter of whether or not God exists. Yet surely Professor Howson would agree with Mr Beale that a philosopher (or indeed a scientist) should seek and analyse the evidence in preference to lapsing into irrational superstition?

Scientists, philosophers and ordin-

Electoral reform

### Belief in God without science's help ary mortals will respect the profes-

(letter, November 6) that the existence of God could ever be subject to philosophical or scientific demonstration seems to me little short of idolatrous, stemming from an unjustifiable belief in the omnipotence of reason and scientific method. I am afraid that any God established by these methods would turn out, by definition, to be a very human invention.

world's other major religions, speaks "commitment" and "fear" (in the reli-I do not want to set faith against

the meaning of life.

From Mr John Sherlock

Sir, Nicholas Beale and Professor Colin Howson (letter, November 10) have

sor's requirement that a hypothesis should be tested by the most rigorous investigation and analysis. On this basis, the hard evidence supports the hypothesis of a God who cares passionately for human beings and humanity.

Certainly such a conclusion leaves a lot unexplained, but here the Christian has an unfair advantage over the atheist. He finds that his hypothetical God begins to communicate and to reveal answers to the knotty questions. In particular, he discovers why living and dying are so very worthwhile.

Yours faithfully (not sceptically). JOHN SHERLOCK, The Cottage, Church Street, Rudgwick, West Sussex. john.sherlock@mpct.com November 10.

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, The operative phrase of Professo Howson's letter on the likelihood of the existence of God is that he has yet to see an argument to that effect - to his satisfaction. Well, what satisfaction does he think we "believers" enjoy? Faith, based on revelation, witness

and scientific observation of creation. is all there is. A great deal of faith is needed to believe in the god of science - the Big Bang. There is no satisfac-tory empirical proof of this plausible but, in my view, highly improbable conjecture of creation from nothing. which means that since it cannot be observed or measured it is not scientific and can only be taken on faith not, however, to everyone's satis-

Having said that, it does remind me strongly of the biblical account of creation — from nothing.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD KAUKAS,

#### 13 Lynwood Road, W5. November 10.

From Mr Richard Burden, MP for Birmingham Northfield (Labour)

Sir, Peter Riddell's article on electoral reform (November 13) was interesting but he is wrong to say that proportion-al voting would threaten MPs constituency links. Methods such as the Additional Member System make votes count and retain the MP-constituency Labour's manifesto commits us to

establish a commission on voting sys-tems to recommend a proportional alternative, to be put before the people in a referendum. That commission will be established soon and will ensure that the people, not politicians, will decide the voting system they wish to see.

RICHARD BURDEN (Chair, Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform). House of Commons. November 13.

### First cuttings

Yours sincerely

From Miss Jane Down

Sir, Your report of November 12, "Lawnmower firm finds American grass is greener", refers to Ransomes of Ipswich as having manufactured the world's first lawnmower in 1832. According to my archives, the lawn-

mower was invented by the Reverend Edwin Budding and patented by J. Ferrabee of the Phoenix Foundry near Stroud in Gloucestershire in about 1828. Known as Budding's machine, it was "a new adaption of one of the most efficient mechanical contrivances employed for shearing cloth" and was marketed under Budding's maxim that "Country Gentlemen may find

### Sex education

From Dr Margaret White, JP

Sir, The chief executive of the Association for Public Health naively claims (letter, November 15) that the provision in schools of sex education and contraceptives reduces the pregnancy rate of under-age children.

Government figures show that in 1969, before clinics provided contra-ceptives to schoolchildren, 6.8 per thousand girls under 16 became pregnant. In 1995, millions of pills and condon's later, 102 per thousand attended contraceptive clinics and 8.5 per thousand became pregnant.

There is no such thing as "safe sex". and it is unfair to give young people the idea that if they attend the special clinics and use the proper contraceptives they will not get pregnant or catch a sexually transmitted disease.

Yours sincerely.
MARGARET WHITE. 22 Upfield, Croydon, Surrey. November 15.

in using my machine themselves, an amusing, useful, and healthy exercise".

Its first commercial outing was during the summer of 1831, when Mr Curtis, foreman of the Zoological Society's gardens in Regent's Park, found it to be entirely satisfactory, doing as much work as six men with scythes and brooms. There were two models available, ranging in price from seven to ten guineas. The wooden box on the front to collect the clippings was, of course, an optional extra.

Yours faithfully, JANE DOWN, Marshwood House, Whitegate, Forton, Chard, Somerset.

### gun compensation

about the progress of the firearms compensation scheme.

acknowledgement on November 10. My numerous inquiries by tele-

to be dealt with only when A and B claims have been settled.

Yours faithfully. D. A. VALENTINE, li Muston Road. Hunmanby, North Yorkshire. dvalentine@meditech.

compulink.co.uk

### Wigs and gowns

From Sir Neil Pritchard Sir, I used to think that wigs for jud-

ges should be abolished (letters, November 13). I have changed my mind. Recently, on my first visit to a court of law, I observed a friend of mine operating as judge. In his wig he looked (and indeed was) appropriately sol-

emn and anonymous. He looked quite

different, and I was impressed: I felt

that this solemnity and anonymity

helped the dispensation of justice. Barristers are not in the same category. They are advocates. They do not need to seem more intimidatory than they are naturally; they would be quite awe-inspiring enough without

their wigs. Yours sincerely, NEIL PRITCHARD. Little Garth, Daglingworth,

Cirencester, Gloucestershire. From His Honour Judge

Dr Peter Jackson Sir. As a regular guest speaker at the German Judges Academy, Berlin, I have the opportunity to talk to very many members of the German judiciary, where robes consist of a simple black gown (their hats have now been discarded).

They seem to have one common complaint: that they and the courts do not generally command respect and that discipline in the criminal courtroom in particular is often poor.

One senior judge, having seen our courts, remarked: "If only I had the wig and gown and authority of an English judge, my judicial work would be a lot easier.

 Yours etc. PETER JACKSON, 3 Pump Court, Temple, EC4. November 14.

### Proceed with care

From Mrs Lucy Amos

Sir. Words of wisdom not only accompany flowers and food (letters, November 11 and 13). My new hot-water bottle comes with these instructions: When filling the bottle do not use boiling water or water from the hot tap as this will cause the bortle to perish.

Yours faithfully, LUCY AMOS. 132 Bloomfield Road, Bath. November 13.

From Mr Phil Gulliford

Sir. Instructions for a Fujifilm compact camera: Do not use this camera when it is emitting smoke or is unusually hot to the touch ... Use of the carnera in any of these conditions may cause a fire . . .

30 Wintringham Way. Purley-on-Thames, Berkshire.

From Mr Peter Orr

PHIL GULLIFORD.

Yours faithfully,

Sir, My pack of sleeping tablets carries the warning, "May cause drowsi-

Yours faithfully, PETER ORR. 17 Berkley Drive, Guisborough. Cleveland.

November 14. From Mr Guy Greenhous

Sir, My wife and I recently enjoyed a Californian wine called Frog's Leap. At the very bottom of the label on the back of the bottle was the helpful guidance, "Open Other End".

Yours faithfully, GUY GREENHOUS. 30 Boyingdon Heights. Marlow, Buckinghamshire. guy.greenhous@radcliffes.co.uk lovember 14.

servant, 76; Professor C.D. Cowan,

former Director, School of Oriental and African Studies, 74; Lord Cullen, 62; the Rev V.H.H. Green, former Rector, Lincoln College,

Oxford, 82; Mr David Hemmings,

actor, director and producer, 56; Mr John Haner, factor Frincipal,

Guildhall School of Music and

Rothurghe, 43; Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, 70; Sir Tasker Walkins, VC, former Lord Justice

Royal Over-Seas League

Maldivian Government

Among those present were:

Dr Julian Fullbrook was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

The Ministry of Tourism of the

Maldivian Government were the hosts at a lunchess held yesterday at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre. Mr Ivan Corea, presided.

Mr Ibrahim Hussain Zahi, 'Mi Mohamed Saced, Princess Helem Moutaflan, the Deputy High Commissioner for the Majdives Mr George Galleway, MP, Mr Ton Cox, MP, Mr Nigel Evans, MP, and Mr Niri Deva.

Mr Alan Bartlett, Chairman of the

UK — Sri Lanka Business Council, was the host at a reception held last right at the London Transport

Museum, Covent Garden, to welcome Mr Thilan Wiesinghe Chairman of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, and a

visiting trade mission from the

Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and also to mark Sri Lanka Week.

Admiral Sir John Brigstocke

Second Sea Lord and Commander in-Chief, Naval Home Command

was the host at a dinner held last

night in HMS Victory in honcur of

admiral Str Jock Slater (Pirst Sea Lord), Admiral J-C Lefebyre (CNS France), Vice-Admiral H B Bookmer (CNS Germany), Vice-Admiral L Kmon (CNS Netherlands), Bros-

Lord, Admiral F.C. Lefebyre-(Chik France), Vice-Admiral H B Bothmer (CNS Germany), Vice-Admiral I Kroon (CNS Netherlands), Rost-admiral M Verholst (CNS Belgiom), Admiral Sir Mickiael Boyco (COMNAVNORTHWEST) and Vice-Admiral M P Gretton (SACLANT's representative in Europe).

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### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

November 17: The Duke of Edin-burgh, Trustee of Council, this morn-ing attended a Meeting and Luncheon at St George's House, Windsor Castle

His Royal Highness, Patron, Royal Air Force Museum, this evening attended a Twenty Fifth Anniversary Dinner in the Museum, Hendon, Landon NW9,

The Queen was represented by Sir Turothy Colman KG at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr David Keith which was held in St Mary's Church, Little Walsingham. Norfolk, this morning represented by the Lord Buston of

The Prince of Wales was repre-sented by Mr Anthony Duckworth-Chad.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by the Lady Glenconner. The Duke of Kent was represented

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 17: The Duke of York, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Lossiemouth, this afternoon received Group Graham Miller upon relinquishing his appointment as Station Commander and Group Captain Alan Hudson upon assur

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 17: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this morning presided at a Council Meeting, His Royal Highness, President, Royal Shakespeare Company, this afternoon chaired the Annual Governors' Meeting at the Other Place KENSINGTON PALACE

November 17: The Duke of Glou ter. Grand Prior, the Order of St John, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this evening attended a Dinner on board HMY Britannia, Pool of London. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 17: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the Integrated Care Centre. Victoria Infirmary, Northwich, and was received by the Viscount Ashbrook (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Peter Doughty Building Teaching and Sixth Form Centre, Sandbach School, Sandbach, and, as Patron, the British Menswear Guild, visited Chester Barrie Austin Reed International, Weston Road, Crewe, The Duke of Kent, Patron, the

Anglo Jordanian Society, this evening attended the Biennial Dinner at the Roof Gardens, Kensington High Street, London W8. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

November 17: Princess Alexandra was represented by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogiby at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr David Keith which was held in St Mary's Church, Little Walsingham, Norfolk, this morning.

### Memorial service

Captain David Keith

The Queen was represented by Sir Timothy Colman, KG. Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, and The Duke of Edinburgh by Lord Buxton of Alsa, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Captain David Keith, landowner and farmer, held yesterday at St Mary's, Little Walsingham.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr Anthony Duckworth-Chad, Princess Margaret by Lady Glenconner, the Duke of Kent by Mr Bryan Basset, and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy.

The Rev Keith Haydon, Vicar of Walsingham, officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Lynn, Canon Bryan Parry, the Rev John Miller and the Rev Mark Wells.

The Hon Jeremy Soames and Mr James Prideaux, sons-in-law, Soames, granddaughter, and Alexander Prideaux, grandson, gave readings. The Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, gave an address. Among others present were:

Among others present were:

Mrs Keith (widow), the Hon Mrs Jeremy
Soames and Mrs James Prideaux
idaughters). Flora Soames. Archie
Soames, Catherine Prideaux, (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Dents Cox Lord
and Lady Keith of Castleacre, Mrs
Michael Keith, Mrs John Benson, Mrs
John Joicey, Mrs Michael FetherstoneDilke, Mr and Mrs James Keith, Mrs
Fergus Laing, the Hon Lady Mackeson,
Mrs Hugh Henderson, the O'Grady and
Madame O'Grady, Mrs Peter Flayer,
Miss Alice Player.

The Marchioness of Cholmondeley,
Marquers Townshend, Earl and
Countess De La Warr, the Earl and
Countess of Leicester, Earl and
Countess Peel, the Earl of Romney, Lord
Countess O Leicester, Earl and
Countess Peel, the Earl of Romney, Lord
Ledward Flazoy, Lord Patrick Berestond
(Household Cavalry), Lady Buxton of
Alsa, Lord Hambro, Lord and Lady
Kimball, Lord and Lady Manton, Lady

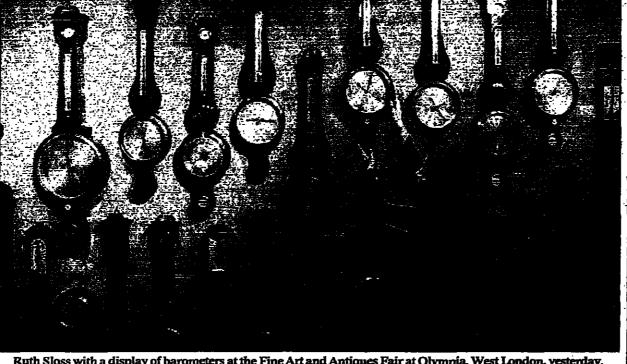
Mob-Rancliffe, Lady Soames, Lord Somerleyton, Lady Zuckerman, Lady Solivia Combe, Lady Carey Bassel, Lady Jane Fellowes, Lady Margaret Fortescue, Lady Caroline Ogliw, the Hon Mrs Julian Berry, the Hon Charles and Mrs Cecil, the Hon Feregrine and Mrs Falfax, the Hon Kim and Mrs Falfax, the Hon Kim and Mrs Falfax, the Hon Mrs Greenall, the Hon Mrs William Rollo, the Hon Emma Soames, the Hon Mrs Nicholas Soames. Sir Michael and Lady Farquinar, Sir Rupert and Lady Mann, Lady Dugdale, Sir Julian Loyd, Sir Thomas and Lady Pikington, General Sir Harry and Lady Pikington, General Sir Harry and Lady Pikington, General Sir Harry and Lady Tuzo. Mr Michael and Lady Angela Oswald, Mr and the Hon Mrs Richard Palmer. Mr and the Hon Mrs Tim Sergison Brooke, Princess Nicholas von Preussen.

and Mrs Richard Geskeil.

Mr and Mrs James Hambro. Mrs Jocetyn Hambro. Major Tom Harvey. Mr and Mrs John Henderson. Mrs Ian Henderson. Mrs Bober Hoste. Mr and Mrs Greville Howard. Mr and Mrs Robin Keswick. Mr and Mrs Robin Lesile. Captain and Mrs John Macdonald-Buchanan. Mr Desmond McKinnes Skinner. Mr and Mrs John Mills. Mr and Mrs John Mills. Mr and Mrs John Mills. Mr and Mrs Romne Pitkington. Mrs Roddy Rail. Tre and Mrs Romne Pitkington. Mrs Roddy Rail. Tre and Mrs Piers Reinhold, Major 

Norfolk.

Mr Roger Lyles (Fakenham Racecourse) and Mrs Lyles, Mr Charles
Geary (Quorn Hunt, Mr David Ward
(Whike's). Mr Paul Baywood (North
Norfolk Conservative Association and
the Walsingham branch). Major
William Riley (Royal West Norfolk Golf
Club). Mrs William Bennion (Young
Parkinson Disease Society). Mr R
Pickering (Mid Norfolk Farmers), Mrs
Paul Taylor (Fakenham Flower Club) and
many other Irlends and employees.



Ruth Sloss with a display of barometers at the Fine Art and Antiques Fair at Olympia, West London, yesterday. The fair, which runs until Sunday, features an exhibition of Scottish artefacts including Jacobite memorabilia

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, will receive a cheque on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Group from employees of Tesco at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; and, as Senior Fellow, will present the Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert award at Buckingham

The Prince of Wales will amend the Royal Film Performance of Titanic in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund, at the Empire, Leicester Square, at 7.45. The Princess Royal, as president,

Save the Children Fund, will visit a shop at 55 London Road. Stockton Heath, Cheshire, at 11.25; as president of patrons, Crime Concern. will attend a training morning. Natinal Tenants Resource Centre. Trafford Hall, Ince Lane, Wimbolds Trafford, near Chester, at 12.20; and, as president, the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. will visit Vale Royal Carers Centre, Unit 8, Lower Ground Floor, Handy Jack DIY Superstore, Leicester Street. Northwich, at 2.30. Later, as Royal Master of the Bench, inner Temple, will attend a mixed dining night at the Inner Temple Hall at 6.40.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the celebrations to mark the completion of Christ Church School's development plan at the school, Warnham Road, Finchley, London, NI2 at 215

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, United Kingdom Committee for dren's Fund, will present the "Champion Children" awards, Marriott London Hotel, Grosve-

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will open the new library building of the Central School of Speech and

### **Dinners**

Order of St John The King and Queen of Jordan were the principal guests at a dinner of the Order of St John, held last night on board HMY Britannia in the Pool of London. The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior of the Order of St John, accompa-nied by the Duchess of Gloucester, presided. Lord Vestey, Lord Prior, and Lady Vesty and Captain Christopher Fagan and Mrs Mary Fagan, Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, were the hosts.

RAF Museum, Hendon

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Royal Air Force Museum, was the principal guest at a dinner held last night at the Museum to mark the 25th Anniversary of its opening by The Queen. Dr Michael A. Fopp, Director, presided and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Michael Beetham, Chairman of Trustees, also spoke,

Anglo-Jordanian Society Princess Sarvath of Jordan and the

Duke of Kent, Patrons of the Anglo-Jordanian Society, attended bi-annual dinner held last night at the Garden Restaurant. South Kensington. Sir Marrack Goulding, Under Secretary-Gen-eral, Political Affairs, United Nations, and Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford, was the principal speaker. The Ambassador of Jordan and Mrs Ayoub were among those present

Lord Suddley Lord Sudeley, a member of the governing council of the Manorial Society of Great Britain, gave a reception last night at the House of Lords for members of the society and their guests. Mr Robert Smith,

chairman, presided.

Wolfe Society Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Wolfe Society held last night in Westerham, Kent, to mark the 270th anniversary of the birth of Major-General James Wolfe. Mr J. St A. Warde, president, was in the chair.

### Cardiff Business Club

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Mrs Gill Bird, and the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr J.W. Phillips, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Mr Colin Sharman, Chairman, Worldwide, KPMG. Mr Alun Bowen, Senior Partner, KPMG,

Furniture Makers' Company Mr Edward Brett, Master, presided at the Furniture Makers Company's annual ladies' dinner held last night at Drapers' Hall. Mr Peter Jarrold and Liveryman Mr William Tillman also spoke. The Masters of the Turners' Paviors' and Glass Sellers' Companies and their ladies were

### Latest wills

among those present.

Nicholas Damante Shipp, of Weybridge, Surrey, left estate valued at £25,916,523 net.

Valmai Mair Williams, of London W8. left estate valued at £2,771,965 She left £1,000 each to the imperfal Cancer Research Fund, St Phillip's Church Earls Court Road, London, the National Arts Collectors' Fund; £100 to Borneo Mission in association with the

Nancy Mary Staveley, of Sedbergh, Cumbria, left estate valued at £571,139 net.

Fund, League of Priends of Westmoriand County Hospital, National Children's Home, British Diabetic Association and Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for research, Arthur Horace Smith. Bransgore, Dorset, left estate val-

ued at £531,316 net. He left 52,200 to Bransgore Medical Centre and shares in his residuary estate to the British Heart Foundation, RNIL, New Bournemouth Hospital Appeal and the Cancer Research Campaign.

### **Anniversaries** today

BIRTHS: Pierre Bayle, philosopher. Carlat, France, 1647; Sir David Wilkie, painter, Cults, Fife, 1785; Sir Henry Bishop, composer, London, 1786; Carl Maria von Weber, composer, Eurin, Composer, Eurin, Composer, Eurin, Loris Lori Germany, 1786; Louis Jacques Daguerre, painter and pioneer of photography, Cormeilles, France, 1789; Adolf Erik Nordenskjöld, Arctic explorer, Helsinki, 1832; Sir William Gilbert, collaborator with Sir Arthur Sullivan in the Savoy operas, London, 1836; Percy Wyndham Lewis, artist and writer, at sea, off Amherst, Nova Scotia, 1882; George Gallup, pio-neer of public opinion polls, Jefferson, lowa, 1901; Sir Alec Issigonis, designer of the Mira car, Smyrna, Turkey, 1906.

DEATHS: Reginald Pole, Archbishop of Canterbury 1556-58, London, 1558; Charles Heath, engraver, London, 1848; Captain George Manby, inventor of lifesaving apparatus, died at sea, Yarmouth, 1854; Edward Forbes, naturalist, Wardic, near Edinburgh, 1854; Chester Arthur, 21st American President 1881-85, New York, 1886; Marcel Proust, novelist, Paris, 1922: Thomas Power O'Connor, journalist and politician, London, 1929; Walter Hermarm Nernst, physicist, Nobel laureate 1920, Muskau, Germany, 1941; John Warson, Australia's Ist Labour Prime Minister 1904, Sydney, 1941: Paul Elnard, poet, Charenton-le-Pont, 1952; Niels Bohr, physicist, Nobel laureate 1922, Copenhagen, 1962; Man Ray, photographer, painter and film-maker, 1976.

William Caxton issued his first dated, printed book, 1477. St Peter's Church in Rome was consecrated, 1626.

A fire at King's Cross station, the worst in the history of the London Underground, killed 31 people,

Mr Peter Heaton Lathaus has been appointed a Circuit Judge. He will be assigned to the South Eastern Terry Waite was released by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine after almost five years in captivity, 1991.

#### **Forthcoming** Birthdays marriages today

Mr P.J. Cluley and Miss K.S. Bates The Right Rev Dewi Bridges. Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, 64; Sir Kenseth Chicas, former civil

The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Dr and Mrs A. Paul Chiley, of Camberley, Surrey, and Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs William J.G. Bates, of Stone, Staffordshire.

Mr B.J. Hood and Miss S.L. Martin

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Drama, 69; Sir Gerden Jewies. diplomat, 66; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Heavy Leach, 74; Lard Mackenzie-Strart, 73; the Earl of Malmesbury, 90; Mr. Michael the late Mr Derek Hood and of Mrs Michael Dando, and stepson of Mr Michael Dando, of Sutton Coldfield, and Stephanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Barrie Martin, of Otford, Kent. MrJ.C. Me

Pastic, Covering, Pastings, prison, St. Mr. Alan Pryce-Joines, book critic, 89; Professor J.R. Quayle, FRS, fermer Vice-Chancellor, Bath University, 7t. and Miss N. Troubridge The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr Mr Brian Quinn, former executive director, financial stability, Bark of England, 61; the Duke of

J.H. Musin, of Hornchurch, and Mrs LM. Farthing of Hullbridge, Essex, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Troubridge, of Stanford ie Hope, Essex

and Miss G.L. Grice

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Nathan, of Tarraux Hinton, Dorset, and Guinevere, Roger Grice, of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

Mr M.D.N. Offer and Miss N. Brons

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Professor Michael Oliver, of Keepier Wharf, London, Dr Margaret Oliver, of East Merningside House, Edinburgh, and Nichola, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Nigel Bromage, of Barland House, Presteign Powys.

Mr J.A. Sime and Miss K.B. Khindicast The engagement is announced between John, son of Professor and Mrs Andrew Sims, of Leeds, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kendall Kleindienst, of

itown, New Jersey.

and Miss R.C. Walters

The engagement is announced nesween Boris, son of Mrs Rimma Sossa, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Denys Walters.

#### Church news

The Rev Martyn Dunning, Vicar, urton and Leven w Catwick (York): to be Rural Dean of North Holderness (same diocese). Holdenness (same diocese).

The Rev Isas Etlery, Team Rector,
Howden (Yorke to be Rural Dean of
Howden (same diocese).

The fire Bob Fitzharris, Vicac, Bentley St Peter (Sheffield): to be also
European Link Officer for the
diocese.

The Rev Lucille Gale, Assistant Curate, Welling St Mary (Southwark): to be Chaplain, Greenwich University (same diocese).

The Rev Mary Gaskell, formerly Assistant Trust Chaplain, St James' Hoggital Leads (Bloom) to be port. Hospital, Leeds (Ripon): to be part-time Chaplain, Rishworth School.

Halifax (Wakefield). The Rev John Hawley, Team Rector, Dewibury (Wakefield: to be Honor-ary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral, The Rev David Hoskin, Vicar, Bev-The Rev David Hinskin, Vicar, Beverley St Mary (York): to be Rural Dean of Beverley (same diocese).

The Rev Ian Rumstey, Team Vicar, Cockermouth w Embleton and Wythop (Carlisle): to be also partisate Adviser for Post-Ordination Training (same diocese).

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ALMEDA - On November 11th at The Portland Hospital, to jenne and Daniel, a daughter, Alexandra, a sister for Dana Alysse and Victoria. BARKSHIRE - On November 13th, to Katharine (née English) and William, a son, Edward Robert St John, a brother for Alexandra.

SROYD - On Monday 10th November 1997, to Paola (nee Bergamaschi) and Richard, a treasured son,

CALVERY - On November 16th

CALVEST - On November 16th, at home, to Rauline (née Murphy) and Andrew, a daughter, Delsy Melissa, a sister for Lucinda, Sophie, Charles, Polly and Justim. CHAPMAN - On 24th October 1997 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Earina (uée Hatchard) and Nicholas, a besutiful daughter, Notacha Johanna Lily, a sister for Georgina and Anna. GODFREY-FAUSSETT - On

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Wilkinson) and Matthew, a
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Tracy (née Holland) and
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MANNEY - On 11th November.

JOHNSON - On November 12th at The Portland Hospital, to: Frances (nee Mellat) and Richard, a son, Joshua, a brother for Immanuel.

JOSEPH - On November 14th at The Fortland Hospital, to Charlotte (a6e Heller) and Theo, a son, Oliver Nicholzs, a brother for Alexander, LECHAPLAN - On November 13th 1997 in Paris to Joanna (King) and Denis, a daughter, Alicia Rosemary Gisela. WARSDEN-SMEDLEY - On November 15th, to Alex (nee Eirkland) and William, a son, Alfred (Airle), a brother for Torde

MEATH - On November 11th at The Portland Hospiral, to Laurel and Brian, a son, Logan Tudox, a brother for Caleb Burdock.

NEW - On November 11th at The Portland Hospiral, to Christins Ruiz and Albert New, a son, Patrick, a brother the Parilly. WATSON - On November 14th, to Helen (née Castle) and Craig, s daughter, Rosa Christine Ellis.

BADGER - Stephen Tarrant BADGER - Stephen Tarrant suddenly at home in Dulwich on Friday 14th November aged 57. Rusband of Katharine, father of Penelope and Benedict, son of Alison, brother of Judith. Fandiy cramation in Donset, Thanksgiving Service in Dulwich to follow - details will be circulated.

CARR - Diana Juliette, died peacefully on Friday 14th November 1997 in the lowing care of The Grange Nursing Home, Sherborne St John Belowed wife of the late Arthuz, very dearly lowed mother of Mary, John and Christina, dear Granny/Daz of her eight grandchildren and good friend to so many. Thanksgiving service for her courageous life to be held at St Paul's, Ashford Hill on Wednesday 25th November at 12 noom Family flowers only. Donations if winhad to Council of Music in Hospitals, co Howe & Son Funeral Directors, Bear Hill, Kingaciere, Newbury, Berkshire EGIS 8QA (Tei: Oli635 278303).

CARTER - Nichola lane GARTER - Nichola Jace Eleanora Miservina, precious and leving daughter of Dorothes and adored mother of Matthey and Ella, died 15th November 1997. Funeral private.

COLLAR - In Maire,
Commander Michael Harvey
Collar RN (gad) on November
10th. Beloved husband of
Dee (née Dozis Sciclum) and
loving brother of Brenda.
Remembered by his family
and friends. The Funeral
took place on November
12th at the Anglican Church,
Silema.

BATCHELOS - Wilma, MBE, died on Sunday 16th November 1997 aged 79. Wife of Professor George Butchelor, mother of Adrienne, Clare and Bryony, loving gamdmother of Paul and Jessica. Private family cremation. Donations in memory of Wilma's work for menial health may be made to MIND, 15-19 Broadway, London E15 4BQ.

CALDIN - On 15th November 1997, pencefully, Mary, wife of Edward, mother of Bugh and Giles and grandmother of Thomas, Eate, Lucy, Clare, Harriet and Alexander. Funeral at goon on Tuesday, 25th November at St Thomas' Church, Burgate, Canterbury, Donations, If wished, to Shelter, clo C.W. Lyons & Son Ltd., 70 Military Road, Canterbury, Heat CT1 1ND; tel: 01227-463508.

GRAMSDALE - Peter Davy, on 16th November, aged 77 in a natisting home after a long lilness bravely borne; beloved husband of Margaret, father of Martin and Richard, grandfather of Katle and Andrew. Family flowers only; any donastions to the Red Cross Lundmines Pand. Funeral at Cartle Cary Methodist Church on Friday 21st November at 1.45 put to be followed by cremation (family only).

CONSTANT - Richard Lionel on November 14th, beloved husband of Liz, stepdather of Curis and Mike, brother of Sus and Brian and a much loved uncle. Funeral service at The School Chapel, Caldicort, Farnham Boyal, Sucks, on Tresday 25th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Macmillan Trust c/o HC Grimstead Ltd., Churchfield Lodge, Churchfield Lodge, Churchfield Lodge, Churchfield Codge, Churchfi

COULEON - On Saturday November 15th very peacefully John Ehringham, much loved husband of Mavis and dear father of Mevil and David. Femeral at St Mary's, Selborne on Tuesday November 25th at 2.15 pm, with Memorial Service at later date. Flowers or donations to the Altheimar's Disease Society c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton, Hants. GU34-1LG.

FAWCETT - James William MD. FECP. died peacefully at home on 14th November 1997. Much loved husband of Josephine, father of Desmond, William and Catherine and brother of Fil. Enquiries to F.E. Farrar, 33 High Street, Billericay, Essex, (01277) 622944.

43 on 15th November after a courageous battle with cases. Much loved husband of Charlotte and father of Richard and Edward Feneral Service at Guildford Crematerium on Friday 21st November at 130 pm. No flowers please. Domaines to MacMillan Nurses and enquiries to Bobert Aging Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford GU2 6NY. Tel: 01483 567333.

CLADSTONE - Alson Frances (Sally) on November 14th, aged 87, peacefully at Boyal Shroychire Noffield Hospital, Beloved sister, aunt and great-aunt, Funeral private Shrewsbury November 21st.

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MENSON - Colonel John David suddenly but pencerally on holiday in Mombasa. Kenya on 11th November 1997.

Much beloved husband of John and Later of Edward and John and grandlather of Ben and Locy. Funeral at St. Mcholas' Church, Pyrford, Woking on Friday 21st. November at 2.30 pm. A private cremation will foliow. Flowers to TH. Sanders & Sons, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.

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HighAM - Jennifer St. Clair on 15th November 1997, much loved sister, aunt, God parent, friend and member of the congregation of St. Columba's by the Castle, with great faith after a myid illness. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, at 11 am on Saturday 22nd November. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to Provincial Overseas Mission, clo General Synod Offices, Scottish Episcopal Church, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 SEE.

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Hill - Harold Vincent, formerly from Bristol, peacefully on Saturday November 15th 1997 at Caterham Dene Hospital, aged 86 years. Safly missed by his wife Sylvia, family and friends Funeral Service at \$1 john's Church, Caterham Valley on Friday November 21st at 1.30 pm, followed by cremption. Family flowers, donations to League of Friends Caterham Dame co BC. Baler & Son, 15-17 High Street, Caterham, CRS SUE.

MOHEMIOHE-LANGEMBURG -H.S.H. Princess Beatrice. On 15th November in hospital. Service of Thanksgiving for her life at Langenburg Church on Monday 24th. November at noon.

LESLIE - At home on 13th November 1997 Hanel Jean Elizabeth (née Colville), beloved wife of the late Alexander Leslie, devoted mother and grandmother. Funezal Service at St Michael's Church, Elie on Friday 21st November at 11.30 am, followed by interment at Largo Censtury at 1 pm Family flowers only please but donations to Macmillan Cancer Eslief (Fife) would be much approchated Enquiries to G. Duneirs, Colinsburgh, (01233) 340666. aber at moon.

JOHE - Hizabeth (Betty/Bett) of New Bernet, suddenly on November 13th. Beloved wife of Philip and widow of Ronald North of Derby, Dearly loved mother of Staphen, Linda, Mary and June, grandmother, Daughter of William and Constance (Counts) Annie Shelair of Derby, Bert was horn at Hartshill, Stake-on-Trent on 20th February 1920, Funcal to be held at 3 pm on 24th November at New Southgate Counstorium, No thowars, by request, but donations, if desired, to Friends of Barnett Rospitals. Donations and enquiries to J. Rischwell & Son, 20 High Street, Barnet, Herts, ENS SHU.

LESSLE - Prof. Ian Wallace, FECVS died suddenly at home on 13th November aged 76. Worked for many years at The Ministry of Aggiculture Fish and Food, and shroad He struggled for many years with the difficulties of his chronic illness. He will be lovingly ramembered and missed by all his family here and in Australia Service at Woking Crematorium on Friday 21st November at 11 am. Family flowers only.

MARSHALL Sequest - Sophie Carey died suddenly and peacefully on November 10th, at home; and will be remembered with love by her son, Deamond, and by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Deddington Parish Church, on Tuesday, November 25th at 11.30 and Enquiries to Jak Humphris, Banbury (01296) 265424.

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Seamans Hospital Society,
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peacefully in hospital aged
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father of Hilary, adored and
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At rest. Service and
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November 20th at 130 pm.
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Society may be sent clo Cooperative Funeral Service,
56 Liscard Road, Wallassy,
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McLASEN - Ronald Wroughton on November 16th peacefully in Falmouth. Dearly leved husband of Dorse, loving father of Angels, Gavin and Margaset and dear grandfather of Surie and Jonathan. Private cremation. No flowers phase.

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MERRIMAN - Nancy Elizabeth
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Peacefully at the Lister
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loved estate of Pat and Anne.

MNRTH - See joule Elizabeth.

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PORTER: Elieum - Much loved mother of Tony and Jill and gamdmother of Christopher. Carry and Dermot, passed peacefully away at Chesham, Bucks on Friday November 14th. A service will take place at The Chilterns Coemstorium, Amerikam, at 2 pm on Tuesday Rovember 25th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to National Canime Defence League. All enquiries to Cooks Funeral Services, 72 Eroad Street, Chesham, Buchs (01494 791359).

POTTER - Jeremy Fotter.

RYAM - Jan aged 52, died peacefully within sight of the ocean and mountains of Kanai - the Pacific Island she loved so much. Her courageous battle with Cancer ended on 14th November Loved and sadly missed by Hee, Miles, Cara, Claire, Annie, Tessa and Freddia.

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SKETCHLEY - John died pescetully at home on 17th Hovember 1997 spec 91, much loved husband of King and father of Gay and William. Funeral Service at Street's Church, Walton-on-the-Hill at 2.30 pm on Friday 21st November. Family flowers only pleases to Stoneman Fathers Service, Dezar Court, Refgars Lond, Radhell, REI 622. Tel. (OI737) 763486. (OI737) 763486.

SMRTH - Suddenly at home on 13th November, aged \$1, Ahm Hadley Sudd, beloved husband of Himbsth, father of Roland, Oliver and Charles, and ganadhther of seven grandchildres. A Service of Thushaghther will be held at \$1 kman's Charles, Norton, Shaffield, at 2 pm on Hondry 24th Rosember. No flowers please, but donations if whise may be sent to the Rector, \$1 kman's Church, Norton Rectory, Norton Church Road, Shaffield \$8 BOJ.

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Wilson At St Mary's Nursing Home, Senindred, Derby, on Setunday 15th November 1997, Monsignor Canon Humphrey Wilson Fall, Proc. Ap., aged 163 years. Funeral to take place in St Mary's, Scidgegate, Derby, Ecception of the body Tuesday 25th November, 7 pm. Funeral Mass Wednesday 26th November at 11 am. Movember, 7 pm. Funeral Mass Wednesday 26th November at 11 am, followed by hurial in Notthighem Road Cemetry, Burby, Requisers in Pace.

SHORT - George James, Butters Training Editor. A Memorial Service will be hald at St Bride's Church, Flort Street, City of London, on Monitory Steh November 1997 at 12 zoon,

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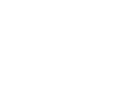
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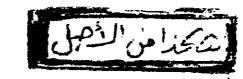




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## STEFAN LORANT

Stefan Lorant, photojournalist, died in Rochester, Minnesota, on November 14 aged 96. He was born on February 22, 1901.

est remembered in this country as the first editor of the magazine Picture Post, Stefan Lorant was one of The founders of modern picture journalism. He combined a remarkable visual memory and knowledge of photographic techniques with strong political feelings and an acute journalistic sense.

At a time when news photographers were content to pre-sent official likenesses and compose formal records of occasions. Lorant insisted that they must get inside the occasion, capture the feel of events as they were happening, and expose the angry or tormented face behind the official portrait. This policy coincided with developments, particuarly in the miniature camera. new capacity to capture movement and expression. These new possibilities Lor-

ant exploited to the utmost. As a result, the magazines he edired were informal but immediate: this was the world as the ordinary man experiences it, not as the authorities wish it to appear. Strongly anti-Nazi, he used photographs as cartoons to dramatise viewpoints and arouse emotions. In particular, coming to Britain in the politically complacent early Thirties, he did much to awaken the somnolent British people to the grim realities of Hitler's Germany.

Born in Budapest, Lorant was one of a small group of talented Hungarian Jews who



left their country after the First World War because they could make no living and see no future. Lorant went first in 1920 to Berlin, where he found work as violinist in a moviehouse for silent pictures; then on to Vienna, where he became a film cameraman and learnt German.

Two years later he returned to Berlin and started a long career in journalism, which in 1931 brought him to Munich as Editor of the Munchner Illustrierte Presse. He was soon making a name for himself, but when Hitler came to

power in 1933, Lorant with other editors was imprisoned. Released through the agitation of Hungarian journalists, he reached England in 1934, having learnt some English during his imprisonment.

In London he approached Odhams Press, for which he successfully launched Weekly Illustrated, though he left after only a few months. The next two years were spent freelancing and producing his book I Was Hitler's Prisoner, which would sell almost half a million copies as a paperback. In 1937, on a tiny amount of azine. After some hesitation The reason he subsequently

capital put up by Sydney (later Lord) Jacobson, and Alison Blair, he launched the pocket magazine Lilliput. Original subject matter, humour, Continental writers new to the British public, and the Editor's picture sense brought instant popularity. The magazine carried no advertising, and so was published at a loss. Obviously, though, it had a future, and Lorant sold it after little more than a year to the Hulton Press, recently founded by Sir Edward Hulton, for whom Lorant at once started

to prepare a new picture mag-

because of the threat of war, Picture Post appeared in October 1938.

Lorant remained Editor only until July 1940, when having failed to gain British nationality and out of resent-ment at being officially treated in wartime as an enemy alien he left for the United States. But he had already put his mark on the new magazine, and its rapid rise to a sale approaching 12 million copies a week was the most dramatic British publishing achievement of its day.

gave for staying in America was his determination to avoid having to see again his successor as Editor of Picture Post (whom he felt had received an unfair share of the credit). Indeed, he resolved to outlive Sir Tom Hopkinson. This accomplished, Lorant re-turned to Britain to be garlanded with accolades as an honoured speaker at the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television at Bradford in November 1990

(Hookinson had died that

most elaborate ever given at an annual assembly there, including details of how much he had been paid for what and when, and culminating in his tuneful rendition of the ditty I Saw her Picture in the Picture

Post. His differences with Tom Hookinson were elucidated by his description of their very different working methods: "Picture Post came out of one fellow's brain. I never asked or consulted anybody. I never held an editorial meeting. That's why Tom and I didn't June). Lorant's speech was the get on: he could ask what was

going into the next issue and I wouldn't know until 10pm the previous evening.

In America, Lorant settled down in Massachusetts. where he stayed almost to the end of his life, working mainly on photographic books and contributions to periodicals. His Lincoln: The Picture Story of his Life - which included all known photographs of the President and a few that Lorant himself unearthed - sold more than a quarter of a million copies.

Lorant had a streak of the scholar in him, and his other books included The New World, a study of the American Indians as seen by visiting artists in Elizabethan times: lives of Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt; a history of the city of Pittsburgh; and Sieg Heil! An Illustrated History of Germany from Bismarck to Hitler.

Dissatisfied with a succession of publishers, he took to publishing under his own imprint of Authors Edition Inc. and for some years prior to his death had been engaged on a multi-volume autobiography under the general title !

Stefan Lorant was a bril-liant journalist with a unique knowledge of photography. which he understood as a professional cameraman, and also as an editor and historian. He was an egocentric personality who charmed both men and women at first meeting, but with whom few found it possible to work on a longterm basis.

Lorant was married three times. He is survived by his third wife and two sons, and also by a son by his first wife, Njura, who had come with him to Britain.

### WILLOUGHBY NORMAN

Willoughby Norman, honorary president and former chairman of ." Boots, died on October 28 aged 88. He was born on October 12, 1909.

AS A young management executive after the war, Willoughby Norman helped to found farms and gardens department of Boots, and went on to lead the company through a period of steady-expansion in the 1960s. He was chairman in 1968 when Boots acquired the Timothy White and Taylor retail chain, and car years later he led the appany's £350 million bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission).

. The highly successful antiinflammatory drug Ibuprofen was also launched during his 12 years at the top, earning huge revenue for Boots Phar-maceuticals before the subsidiary was sold by the group two years ago. Willoughby Rollo Norman

was born in Surrey, the sec-ond son of Sir Henry Norman, Bt. journalist, novelist and, more notably, Liberal MP for Blackburn. His mother was a daughter, of the 1st Lord Aberconway: He went from Eton to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a second in accident and spent six months politics, philosophy and eco- in hospital. This effectively nomics. He spent much of his time, however, riding in pointtake over Glaxo (though this to-points — a passion which was eventually blocked by almost proved his undoing. to-points — a passion which Shortly after graduating, he broke his back in a riding



ended his first ambition of pursuing a career in the Grenadier Guards. He turned instead to the City and insurance broking.

Another event which was to

dictate the course of his life was his marriage in 1934 to Barbara Boot, elder daughter of the 2nd Baron Trent and granddaughter of the remarkable Victorian Jesse Boot, who founded the pharmaceutical giant. In 1939 it was decided that he should join the family firm as a management trainee.

In 1931, however, he had sought to compensate for the loss of a military career by joining the Territorial Army. and when the Second World War broke out was called to the colours with the Grenadiers. He subsequently fought in France with the British Expeditionary Force, and joined the evacuation at Dunkirk.

But this early experience of action had exposed a difficulty in carrying heavy loads as a

result of his earlier injury. Transferred to the Military Police, he spent the rest of the war in this country, much to his disappointment, being demobilised in 1945 with the rank of major.

Picking up where he had left

off before the war, he now joined Boots as a management trainee and, as the son-in-law of the chairman, rapidly began his ascent through the executive ranks. In 1954 he was made vice-chairman of the Boots Pure Drugs Company, the manufacturing subsidiary, then in 1961 moved up to take over as chairman of the parent firm. He announced his retirement in 1972, at about the time that his first marriage was dissolved after 38 years. He was made honorary president, however, and retained the position for the rest of

He also accepted the appointment of deputy chairman of English China Clays, under the chairmanship of Lord Aberconway, his cousin and a close lifelong friend and business associate. At one time or another he also held seats on the boards of the National Westminster Bank. Sheepbridge Engineering and Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance. He served as High Sheriff of Leicestershire in 1960.

his life.

His off-duty interests included shooting and farming. In his younger days he also hunted with the Belvoir. In 1972 he received some un-

sought publicity as the victim of a "mugging" by two troopers of the Household Cavalry. The soldiers set about him as he was walking home late one evening through Knightsbridge, leaving him with a broken nose, broken teeth and two black eyes. The incident led to public controversy when both the Army and the police were accused of underplaying its seriousness and of failing to issue a formal apology to Norman.

Willoughby Norman is sur-vived by his second wife, Caroline, and by a son and two daughters from his first marriage.

### H. C. 'NUGGET' COOMBS

H.C. ("Nugget") Coombs, Australian public servant and former Governor of the Commonwealth Bank, died on October 29 aged 91. He was born on February 24, 1906.

TWO contemporary Australians have been nationally known as "Nugget". One is the dashing cricketer Keith Miller, the other was H. C. Coombs. Such a tag for a sportsman is unsurprising, but it is a reflection of the stature and influence of Coombs as a near-legendary public servant that he, too, should have won such a badge of popular acceptance. This approval stemmed

partly from Australian appreciation of a battler — the man from humble origins who worked his way to the top. Herbert Cole Coombs was the son of a stationmaster in a tiny Western Australian township, and his parents made real sacrifices for his education. His nickname was acquired at school: They used to say every bullock team needs a nugget. They're a bit stupid, but they work hard. I was always stocky and active, and the name followed me."

Starting work as a pupilteacher, Coombs studied part-time at the University of Western Australia, where he won a first. His reading introduced him to the world of economics, and he was to be absorbed by its theory and practice for the rest of his life.

His social conscience was sharpened by a period at the London School of Economics. where he arrived in 1931 on a scholarship, eventually taking his doctorate with a thesis on central banking. When John Maynard Keynes published his great General Theory in 1936, Coombs devoured it, describing it as "the most seminal intellectual event" of his life. He became an ardent Keynesian, believing firmly in increasing demand by government spending; but later Coombs felt a more marketbased approach to be justified.

It was natural that on his return home he should join the Commonwealth Bank of Australia as an assistant economist Established in 1911, run by a single governor, acting as a central bank and offering trading and savings facilities in competition with the private banks, the Commonwealth Bank was a principal architect of national economic

policy. Coombs transferred in 1939 to the Federal Treasury, where he was not especially happy.



but in 1942 his potential was recognised by the Labour Prime Minister John Curtin, who appointed him Director of Rationing, Although he had joined the Volunteer Defence Corps when Japan advanced, Coombs was a pacifist, so this appointment resolved any dilemma he might have felt about war service.

A year later, he was named Director-General of Postwar Reconstruction, and he showed such imagination and vigour in this vital role that in 1949 the new Labour Prime Minister, Ben Chifley, appointed him Governor of the Commonwealth Bank. His reputation was such that when Robert Menzies swept Labour out of power a few months later and was urged by colleagues to oust Coombs from the Commonwealth Bank, he shrewdly refused. Menzies was later to

describe Coombs as "a man of the most conspicuous ability, and of the most shining integrity". That judgment was a

pointer to the way Coombs came to be regarded as an essential arm of government: he was to serve seven Prime Ministers, of both Left and Right, some in later years clearly using him as a source of reflected glory. When he retired in 1968,

after a hugely influential term as Governor of the Reserve Bank (which had taken over central bank functions in a break-up of the old Commonwealth Bank), Coombs was able to devote his energies to personal interests, as chairman of two new bodies, the Council for the Arts and the Council for Aboriginal Affairs.

A tireless campaigner for the Aboriginal people, he was never a do-gooder, but believed that they deserved the traditional Australian fair go". In 1993 he was the only white invited to an historic land rights summit of 400 Aboriginal leaders. Coombs also was active in encouraging establishment of the Austra-lian National University in Canberra: he was elected its Chancellor in 1968.

Though he continued busily

campaigning for his various interests until a stroke slowed him down three years ago, Coombs was somewhat disillusioned by modern Australia, feeling that it had become too materialistic, losing the egalitarian approach — "mateship" - of his youth, in which he so strongly believed as a socialist of distinctive Australian origins. Having rejected honours at various stages, he reluctantly accepted appointment to the new Order of Australia, but resigned when a later Government added ranks which Coombs

felt to be too class-based. He was traditionally Australian in his sporting enthusiasms: cricket in youth, suc-ceeded by squash and then golf, with his later recreations recorded as "walking, cooking, music, reading, Aboriginal people, ecology". He married his fellow teacher Mary Alice Ross in 1931; she

survives him, along with two sons and a daughter.

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### BAB AND HIS OPERAS

W. S. Gilbert, born one hundred years ago to-day, found the drama trying to slough a very shabby old skin of sentiment and convention (otherwise called humbug), and he helped it, rather roughly at first, but with effect. While still a very young man, Gilbert saw a rich, prosperous, brave-fronted society. ambitious in other fields than wealth. idealistic and aspiring. He saw also innumerable differences between profession and practice.

There was certainly a touch of the rude boy about Gilbert; and, since the theatre of those days still encouraged heavy-handedness, he began his career as a dramatist by pointing and sniggering. Gilbert never changed or softened his views; nor, except by accident, did he ever learn why he could not write a good straightforward play. The reason was technical, or artistic. The canvas was too big for him. He had neither ideas nor conviction to fill it with positive statement, and on that scale ironic treatment

### ON THIS DAY

The Times agreed with G.K. Chester-

November 18, 1936

ton in putting Gilbert's ballads higher than his operas as literature, describing them as "the cream of Gilbert without Sullivan"

allowed him to slop over into excess. He

needed a tighter, trimmer, more conventional form. For some years he had been working, outside the theatre, in just such a form; and, when he began to dramatize the "Bab Ballads" into the shape prepared for him by the old English ballad opera, he had found himself. Some at least of the operas gain by being dressed in the original costumes because of little changes in detail; but it is only in detail that his operas

is not manners but conduct. Their logical cohesion is just as true now as then within the framework of nonsense," and no less untrue in the illogical world outside. And the principle leaves him free to play all sorts of demure, logical tricks with minor affairs, showing inevitable consequences which could not possibly happen in real life. It may be "the sober truth," as a critic has said, that most of the jokes in the dialogue are elementary puns, and some of the prose rather heavy. His proper humour is satirical humour of idea and situation.

Perhaps Iolanthe is the most consistently Gilbertian of them all, but all are firmly held within the framework of rational nonsense. From moroseness to jollity, from sneering to romance, with parody and farcical fun and solemnly absurd character, and especially with songs that at their best are masterpieces of rhythmic skill and can be in themselves extremely pretty, he en-chants us with manifold charms while "date" because the true subject of them he convicts us all of being humbugs,

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### The story so far . . .

I see Big Ron has taken the Sheffield Wednesday job. Really? Big Ron? That's amazing! Not that amazing, surely.

No? Well, it certainly is brilliant news. Big Ron, eh? I think he's great.

I never suspected you were such a big fan of his. Oh yes. Will I be able to have him as my manager? Yes. He doesn't appear in today's lists, but you can sign him up straight away. He's valued at £1.5 million. Superb. As you know, I've been having problems with the manager's position in my team. Not to mention full back, striker, midfield . . .

I'll ignore that. Anyway, it doesn't matter now. Big Ron is the man to knit them all together. You know, the strong, silent type; man of few words . . .

Excuse me? Are we talking about the same person? Ron Atkinson, silent?

Ron Atkinson? Oh. I see. I thought you meant Big Ron from Eastenders. You know, the large bloke who sits in the Queen Vic all day and never says anything. Ron Tarr, I think his name is. Unsung character actor. Hmm. The Big Ron I'm talking about is certainly a character, although I don't know about unsung. Yes, I've got him now. Some sort of TV commentator,

As a sideline. He has pedigree as a football manager, you know. He once managed Manchester United when they won their first ten games of the season. So they won the league, then?

Finished fourth, I believe. But he still might do something for Sheffield

Wednesday? He might well. He loves flair players, so expect to see Carbone and Di Canio given licence to attack. What about the defence? Does he favour a flat back

four? Three centre-backs? He's not generally associated with defence in the popular imagination, to tell the truth.

I'm not too worried about it either, if I'm honest, I was thinking about signing Andy Booth, though. He scored a hat-trick in his last game.

Yes, but don't forget that Wednesday are playing Arsenal this Saturday. It might not be so easy for Booth against Tony Adams and David Seaman.

Any suggestions, then? How about someone from north of the border? I can't afford Negri.

There are others, you know. But I don't know much about Scottish football. Funny you should say that . . .

Every month a £1,000 prize awaits a shrewd selector. Coventry's John Salako offers insight into his choices

ohn Salako, the Coventry City winger, has found J himself more successful as a manager than as a player in his own team in the PFA section of ITF.

"Yes, I chose myself," he said. The price was right! Plus I have myself in there as an incentive to do well and score goals; but it's been a frustrating season." Currently injured, Salako has seen a promising beginning to the campaign fade somewhat. "If I had scored three or four more goals -- and I have had chances, especially against Sheffield Wednesday — it would have been excellent."

Salako the manager, however, sees his team, Flicky's Flyers, in third place in the PFA mini-league.
Important contributions

have been made by two former teammates from his days at Crystal Palace, now both England internationals with other clubs: Nigel Martyn, the goal-keeper, and Ian Wright.

Now Nigel's at Leeds, and I felt George Graham would have a good back five." (He also chose David Robertson, the Leeds full-back.) Salako, who has himself played five times for the full England side, fully supports Glenn Hoddle's decision to pick Martyn for England, and was pleased to see him keep a clean sheet at Wembley on Saturday against Cameroon. "I rate him in the top three in the country, although he's going to have a brainstorm now and then. I think he used them all up in the home game with Derby when Leeds trailed 3-0 before



coming back to win 4-3]." Wright, Arsenal's record goalscorer, and striking partner Mark Bright gave Salako the nickname "Flicky" when all three played together at Selhurst Park. "I'm not called it too much at Coventry, but whenever I see them, that's what they call me. I quite like it. I know lan [Wright] very

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I want him to do well." And so far, he has. Salako has paired Wright with Marco Negri in his team.

"He's had a fantastic season. Rangers strikers always do well. He was a bit of an unknown quantity. I fancied Laudrup at the start of the season, but I didn't pick him in the end." A good choice: of the two. Negri is the top points scorer in ITF, while Laudrup has been a relative disappoint-Rio Ferdinand and Colin

Hendry are opponents who have earned Salako's respect, and places in his team's defence, while joining Salako in midfield are Patrick Vieira ("running the show for Arsenal"). Gary Speed of Everton ("a hard-working midfield player who gets forward and scores goals, especially with his head") and Eric Tinkler of Barnsley ("You've got to include a bargain buy it's pot luck whether or not he comes good"). Tinkler's score so far is 14 - one fewer than



Salako: selected Ian Wright and Nigel Martyn, two of his former Crystal Palace colleagues

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### **INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL** 27

# Your full guide to players and transfers

A spell of Premiership inactivity meant that the focus of ITF activity moved north of the border last week

of the FA Carring Premiership were well-earned break anot counting those representing their countries, be they England, the Republic of Ircland, Italy, Yugoslavia or even Jamaica), there was a full programme of matches in the Scottish Premier League. Noticing this, some ITF players were active on the transfer market last week, acquiring players likely to accrue points in vital games. although those relying on Celtic or Rangers players were brobably disappointed as Aberdeen held the Blues. while Motherwell took the points at Celtic Park.

To a number of other ITF entrants, Scottish football means one thing - Marco Negri. However, to attempt to cast more light onto what many competitors south of Hadrian's Wall see as a shadowy area of British football, we have chosen an ITF team based entirely on players playing in Scotland.

That does not, of course,

necessarily mean Scottish players; Scotland, too, has seen its own influx of talent from overseas. Take Gilles Rousset, the Heart of Midlothian goalkeeper, formerly with Rennes, for instance. The Frenchman is the top points-

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Thile most of the stars the SPL, and only David Seaman and Peter Schmeichel have better records in FTF. Celtic have a fine tradition

at full-back - names like Tommy Cemmell and Danny McGrain springing to mind and Tom Boyd, who has scored 23 ITF points so far this season, has won 51 Scottish caps, and captained the national side in France last week. Across Glasgow, Stale Sten-saas, the Norwegian, has been

a consistent points-scorer while playing for Rangers.

Another Old Firm pairing at central defender looks solid;

Alan Stubbs, the former Bolton Wanderers player, has proved that north-south movement is not the only possibility in transfers between the Eng-lish and Scottish clubs, while Sergio Porrini played for Juventus in last season's Euro-

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pean Champions Cup final against Borussia Dortmund. Not that David Weir of Hearts does not also deserve a place for his 23 points so far.

To show that there is more to Scotland than the two Glasgow clubs, how about a midfield of Attila Sekerlioglu (born in Linz, Austria, despite the Turkish origins of his name) of St Johnstone, Hibernian's Barry Lavety, Robbie Winters (Dundee United) and Neil McCann of Hearts?

Naturally, no Scotland-based selection would be complete without Negri, whose points total now stands, head and shoulders above the rest of ITF, at 89. However, only two representatives of any one club are permitted in ITF teams; and so, as well as for the sake of variety. Tommy Coyne of Motherwell and Dundee United's Kjell Olofsson complete our team. The manager is Paul Sturrock, of St Johnstone.



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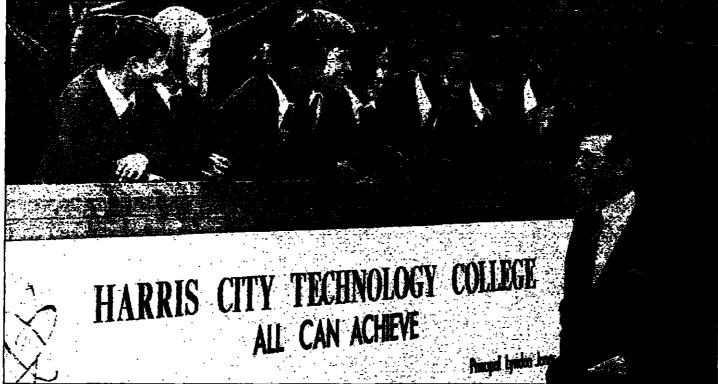
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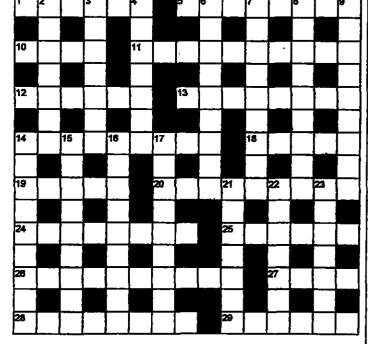
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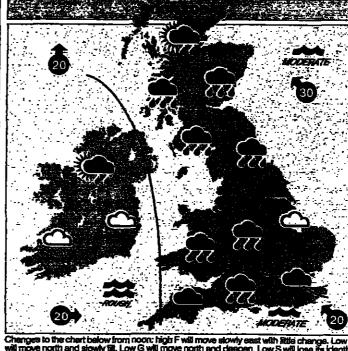
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# Shell and BP battle over Russian fuel reserves

By CARL MORTISHED

SHELL and BP are racing head-tohead in a multibillion-dollar contest to secure access to Russia's oil and gas reserves. The two companies yesterday announced strategic alli-ances with Russian partners worth a total of \$1.7 billion (£1.06 billion) aimed at developing huge gas reserves in Siberia.

BP has agreed to acquire a 10 per cent stake in AO Sidanco, the fourth-largest integrated Russian oil company for \$571 million. The agreement, to be signed at 10

Downing Street today, involves the purchase of shares from Unexim Bank and a further agreement to fund \$172 million of the cost of developing a gasfield in east Siberia containing up to 60 trillion cubic feet

in reserves.

Meanwhile, Shell announced an alliance with Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer. The Anglo-Dutch oil company agreed in Moscow yesterday to create a joint venture company to develop the Russian gas company's extensive oil reserves, which total 14.3 billion barrels. The 50/50 joint venture development company will seek to produce 25 million tonnes a year of oil and gas condensate, equal to 500,000 barrels per day.

As part of the deal, Shell has agreed to subscribe up to \$1 billion in a convertible bond issued by Gazprom. The convertible issue. planned for early next year, will coincide with an issue of a further \$1 billion in bonds to institutional investors, on the same terms.

Shell and Gazprom also announced that they had agreed to make a joint bid with Lukoil, the Russian oil company, for the priva-

Russian oil company, which has extensive reserves in northwest Siberia and stakes in two big projects, the Sakhalin-l liquefied natural gas project and the Caspian Pipeline Consortium.

The deals heighten the competi-tion for the privatisation of Rosneft, reckoned to be worth \$1.9 billion, as BP is expected to reveal today its intention to bid jointly for the assets with its new partner Sidanco. However, Shell and Gazprom yesterday downplayed the importance of Rosnett to their new alliance.

The first Gazprom/Shell project is likely to be further development of a section of the Zapolyarnoye field in western Siberia, which Shell expects will yield reserves equivalent to Norway's Troll field, the largest gasheld in the North Sea. The partnership will also develop transportation projects, including pipelines from the Caspian region to the Black Sea and eventually into

Turkey. BP's investment with Sidanco is expected to produce a reserve addition for the UK company as it will equity account the Sidanco investment. However, the main object of the investment is the Kovyktinskoye field in eastern Siberia, near the border with China. The field is known to contain some 25 trillion cubic feet of gas but could contain as much as 60 trillion. It has yet to be developed because of the need to construct a pipeline to China.

In addition, BP can improve the production efficiency of Sidanco. The Russian company is currently operating 10,000 wells to produce a mere 420,000 barrels per day.

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### **Shares** soar after Far East rally

BY ALASTAIR MURRAY **ECONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

THE London stock market bounced back yesterday after sharp overnight gains in Tokyo and Hong Kong helped to start a rally in global equities. The FTSE 100 closed up

125.2 at 4.867.0 - its biggest single day gain since the current bout of market turbulence began nearly a month ago. But volume was light at just 508.3 million and traders gave warning that investor confidence is still fragile.

London was supported by a strong sho Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average recorded gains of more than 100 points in early trading after weaker than expected industrial output figures dampened expectations of interest rate rises. Investors' were also cheered by an easing in US tensions with Iraq. London shares with ex-

posure in the Far East enjoyed the biggest gains, with HSBC closing up 61p at £14.77 and Standard Chartered up 20p at 642p. although traders expressed concern that they remain-vulnerable to profit-taking in the Far East. The Japanese market soared overnight after news

Chris Carter, Japanese equity strategist at UBS, said: The public bail-out of HTB marks a turning point for the market."

boosted by a fall in bank interest rates. The Hang Seng closed up 4.64 per cent But the revival failed to

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# UB to return £150m after asset swap with PepsiCo BY DOMINIC WALSH

SHARES in United Biscuits scored their biggest one-day gain yesterday after the em-battled food and snacks group unveiled an asset swap with PepsiCo that will enable it to return £150 million to shareholders.

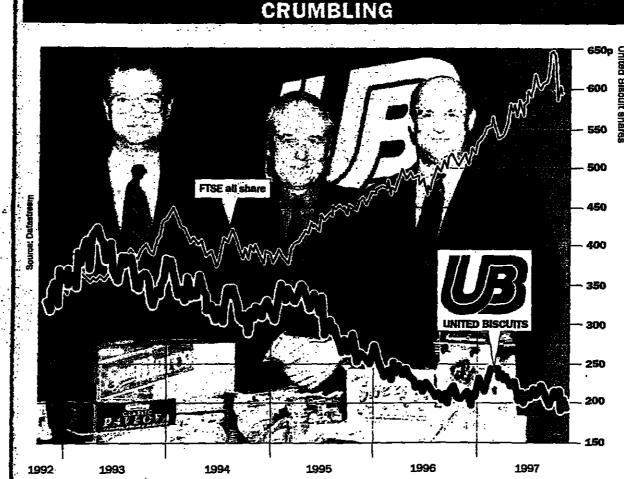
UB's shares rose 2512p to 21912p - more than 12 per cent - as it announced plans to offload underperforming snack operations in Australia and continental Europe. In return, it will take over Biscuiterie Nantaise, PepsiCo's French biscuit business, and receive a net consideration of \$410 million (£240 million).

. Colin Short, chairman of improve the quality of the company's earnings and enhance the return on capital employed while allowing it to return £150 million to shareholders by next July.

Mr Short said that the deal, which is subject to shareholder approval, was "a very significant development for UB". He added: "It gives us a stronger business platform from which to drive for growth in our international biscuit operations and UK food portfolio."

A spokesman confirmed that the future of UB's KP crisps business was also under review. It may be sold. However, its snacks business, which includes the Hula Hoops brand, was performing extremely well and would be retained. The businesses UB is shed-

ding reported combined sales last year of £264 million and profit before interest and tax of £15.9 million. They have a net asset value of £159 million, excluding goodwill previously



John Warren, left, finance director: Robert Clarke, chairman until July 1995; and Eric Nicoli, chief executive of UB

written off of £97 million. Meanwhile, Biscuiterie Nantaise (BN) made a profit of £7.9 million from turnover of £74 million and has net assets worth £14 million.

The mechanics of the deal

BN. The European transactions are expected to be completed in the first half of 1998,

mean that PepsiCo is paying UB £259 million for the various snack businesses while UB is paying £18 million for

but the Australian deal may take longer as it is subject to regulatory approval.
Whereas the rationalisation process of the past two years has been punctuated by a ser-

company said yesterday's deal would produce a "modest" exceptional profit. In addition, UB is retaining its profitable snack businesses in Malaysia. Singapore and Italy.
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being seen by UB watchers as a sensible move to avoid any further damage from its battle for supremacy with PepsiCo. It entered the market in 1993. but its recent efforts to maintain its dominant position by pumping resources into marketing support have merely served to damage profitability. The Australian business has been seriously underperforming," the spokesman admitted.

Analysts said they believed that the deal meant the company had now largely put the problems of the past five years behind it. During that period, it had suffered from a combination of a disastrous performance from its Keebler business in America, a sub-stantial rise in raw materials costs, recession-led pricing pressure from multiple retailers and the weakness of the

green pound. Michael Landymore, food analyst at Henderson Cros-thwaite, said: The management of UB now have an opportunity to demonstrate they can grow the company."

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### Amey names Staples as new chief

BRIAN STAPLES, who was ousted as chief executive of United Utilities in July, will return to the public arena as chief executive of Amey, the construction group (Jason

Nissé writes). Mr Staples is still suing the water and electricity group for El million in compensation after being ousted from his £308,000-a-year post after a boardroom row in the sum-mer. In his new post he will receive about £250,000 a year, in line with the pay of Eddie King, the current chief executive, who is retiring.

Neil Ashley, chairman of Amey, said he was unconcerned about the problem Mr Staples had at United, where he fell out with Sir Desmond Pitcher. United's chairman. "I've known Brian for 20 years and he has a very good reputation in the construction industry," said Mr Ashley.

### EU to drop job targets

BRUSSELS looks set to be forced to abandon plans to fix ambitious specific job targets

for all European Union member states. The EU jobs summit in Laxembourg this week is now expected not to set job targets aiming at the creation of 12 million new jobs across Europe over the next five years. Britain will see the likely abandonment of the specific employment targets proposed by the European Commission as a victory for the UK's insistence on labour market flexibility, though other EU countries like Germany have been working against the setting of particular job targets too.

Brussels originally proposed that the special EU jobs summit, which opens on Thursday, should agree job targets to bring Europe's employment rate - the proportion of the population in work — up from its current level of 60.4 per cent to levels matching that of the US.

Job growth in America has been rapid, especially compared with sluggish growth in Europe, with the much more flexible American labour market widely seen as the principal reason.

The two-stage move proposed by the Commission, firstly to an employment rate of 65 per cent in five years, and then to 70 per cent as a longer-term target, would have meant an objective of cutting the EU's current unemployment rate of 10.6 per cent down to 7 per cent with the creation of 12 million jobs.

But EU member states, including Britain, are now convinced that the Commission will be unable to win sufficient backing for the idea of specific targets at the summit.

### Photo-Me sues Swiss rival after price war

PHOTO-ME INTERNATIONAL, the world's largest photo booth operator, is suing a rival Swiss company for SFr200 million (£84 million) as part of a battle for domination of the passport photograph business (Jason Nissé writes).

A writ has been lodged in Lansanne alleging breach of agreement by the Swiss photographic company, Fotolabo, and its director, Marco Forster. If successful, the action could be worth more than five years of taxable profits to Photo-Me.

The dispute centres on Fotolabo's purchase of Prontophot Holdings in January last year. This unleashed a bitter price war in the photo booth market, which has severely affected Photo-Me. The group has issued a series of profits warnings and its directors hinted recently that they may take the group private unless its share price improves.

## **British Steel warning**

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH STEEL yesterday gave warning that the strength of the pound could trigger recession if the Government did not help exporters.

Brian Moffat, chairman, said exporters

could not go on making little or no money. "It's not going to be all that long before we see some sort of downturn in the UK." His warning came as British Steel, which heavily depends on exports linked to the mark, saw pre-tax profits slump to £143 million from £262 million for the six months to September 30.

But increased orders and an upturn in the price of steel meant that the figures were better than the City had expected and the share price edged up 5p to 150p. In September the shares hit a 12-month high

of 190p. British Steel raised its volumes by 4 per cent in the half year. Mr Moffat said: Our commercial teams secured record order levels so that all our major UK plants worked at or close to capacity and we continue to operate profitably."

In the six months to September 30, British Steel cut 500 jobs. It also said that the flatter management structure would result in more rapid decision-making and progressive operating efficiencies".

Its profits have also been hit by spending on three new plants. Although the company is to put on ice a £500 million development in Indonesia because of the turmoil in the Far East economies, it is still looking out for acquisitions.

The interim dividend, payable on January 12, was held at 3p.

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## Holt Lloyd sold to

Holt Lloyd, the UK car care products company. has been sold by Electra Fleming to Prestone, a subsidiary of AlliedSignal of America, for \$155 million

E60 million in 1994. Since then Holt Lloyd has developed its own brands. repaid over £12 million of debt, and exchanged contracts to acquire the Simoniz car care business in January 1998.

Workplace Group, the prolion. The dividend is up II per cent to 4.5p.

### Dividend rise

bution and steel stockholding group, is lifting the dividend to 13.5p a share (12.25p) although pre-tax profits fell to £2.48 million (£2.55 million) in the half year to September 30.

### **TOURIST RATES**

# **Americans**

(£91.6 million). Electra acquired Holt for

### Brooke goes

Richard Brooke has resigned as group finance director of British Sky Broadcasting. He will become managing director of St James's Investment Part-

### Workplace up

perty company, lifted net assets to 470p (417p) a share in the year to September 30. Pre-tax profits rose II per cent to £2.5 mil-

The company, which is Adam & Harvey, the districhaired by Trevor Smallwood, is being renamed FirstGroup as part of the expansion. It currently controls 22 per cent of the UK bus market. It operates Great Eastern Railway, holds a stake in Great Western Trains and is the preferred bidder for 51 per cent of Bristol Interna-

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# Unigate poised to capitalise on consolidation of dairy industry

UNIGATE, the milk company behind St Ivel spreads and yoghurts, is still not making enough profit on selling milk to supermarkets and believes a shake-out is needed in the

dairy industry. Sir Ross Buckland, chief executive, said he is confident the industry will undergo a significant structural change before the end of next year, in spite of difficulties involved in combining existing milk suppliers. With net cash of £169.2

FIRSTBUS, the UK's biggest

bus operator, is planning to

spend up to £150 million over the 12 twelve months to boost

its market share to 25 per cent

and expand its interests in

Moir Lockhead, the chief executive, said: "We have a

facility of £150 million and if

the opportunities are there we

will spend it. I think we can

expand our share of the bus

market by 3 per cent before

another look." Mr Lockhead

railways and airports.

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ber, Unigate is well placed to take out the weaker or uncommitted businesses.

The company gave few clues about how it expects industry consolidation to take place. although Ian Martin, chairman, said: "Underneath the water, there's a hell of a lot of activity taking place."

Unigate increased its sales of milk to supermarkets by 3.5 per cent in the six months to September, but margins fell because it had to accept lower prices. However, the fall in the

said that securing priority

routes for buses — plus great-er awareness of the dangers of

drink-driving - had helped to

The company also declared

London Underground fran-

chise if the Government intro-

duces a privatisation programme. "There appears to be a backlog of work and

we would have to establish

how much that would cost."

Yesterday, FirstBus report-

ed a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax

profits for the six months to

September 30, from £23.5

million to £30 million, on

turnover of £363.4 million, up 47 per cent from £246.8 mil-

lion. Basic earnings per share

were 7.3p, down 22 per cent

from 9.4p. A dividend of 2.2p

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(1.8p) is due on February 18.

Mr Lockhead said.

attract new customers.

FirstBus planning

£150m expansion

By Chris Ayres

price of raw milk enabled the dairy division to lift its profit by 11 per cent to £19.5 million on sales marginally higher at

£19.5 million. Doorstep deliveries produced an improved profit, although the volume of sales continued to contract rapidly.

With a £5 million improvement in profits from its fresh foods businss. Unigate was able to increase the group's interim pre-tax profits by 11 per cent to £67.4 million. This year's total included a El million profit on the sale of surplus dairy properties. Turnover rose 3 per cent to £1.18 billion. Unigate said it had made excellent progress and expects this to be "another. year of profitable growth".

The fresh food operation, which includes the Malton Foods ham and bacon business, increased profits to £31.5. million on sales of £635 million. At St Ivel, the relaunch of the Shape range of yoghurts produced a 25 per cent increase in the volume of sales. Last year's acquisition of Vitalite and Golden Churn

spread sales by 34 per cent. The profit recovery at Malton Foods was helped by lower pigmeat costs and

strong sales of cooked meats. Wincanton Logistics, the warehousing and distribution business, made £126 million (£12.3 million), held back by problems in the petroleum and chemicals markets. An interim dividend of 7.5p (7p) a share will be paid on

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### Kvaerner rises despite **Cunard loss**

By GEORGE SIVELL

CUNARD, the QE2 cruise line acquired by Kvaerner, the Norwegian engineering group, as part of the Trafalgar House deal, has clocked up more losses but its owners believe it could break even next year.

Cunard remains up for sale, either to a company that wants to take a big shareholding or to an outright buyer but in spite of talks with numerous cruise companies no deal appears imminent. The Norwegians say they will continue to support Cunard and they have repositioned the brand at the

top end of the market. Cunard's headquarters are to be moved from New York to Miami next month, with the transfer of 350 staff. In spite of Cunard losses Kvaerner pre-tax profits rose from 851 million Norwegian crowns to Nkr903 million (£76 million) in the nine months to September 30.

The rise came in spite of a sharp increase in interest charges from Nkr441 million to Nkr879 million associated with the Trafalgar acquisition. Earnings rose from NKr14.17 a share to Nkr14.87.

The pre-tax profit includes Nkr557 million (Nkr851 million) in gains on the sale of assets. Erik Tonseth, president and chief executive, said: "The underlying group performance continues to improve, although the result in the oil and gas business area especially is not currently satisfactory." Sales rose about 30 per cent.

# lift mortgage rates

repayments before Christmas, as two more lenders raised their variable rates in response to the bank base increase earlier this month. Cheltenham & Gloucester, a division of Lloyds TSB, and Royal Bank of Scotland both increased their standard variable rates by 0.25 per cent to 8.70 per cent.

The new rates are effective from December i for existing customers. However, the Halifax, the largest lender, yesterday said that it would await the outcome of the next Bank of England interest rate meeting before changing its variable rate. The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee meets again on December 3 and December 4, sparing the Halifax's borrowers a rate rise before Christmas.

### ICI Australia renamed

ICI AUSTRALIA is changing its name to Orica, after its separation from ICI, its British former parent company, earlier this year. The company said: "Research on the chosen name Orica indicated that people felt the name evoked words such as the future, knowledge, expertise and technology, all of which were considered positive attributes." The new name will be put to shareholders for approval at the December 12 annual meeting, and is proposed to take effect next year.

### Oriflame confirms link

ORIFLAME INTERNATIONAL confirmed that it wants to merge with Oresa, its Eastern European offshoot. The merger is to be through a share exchange of six new Oriflame shares for each Oresa share. Both Oriflame and Oresa sell cosmetic products directly to customers. Oresa had turnover of £147 million and pre-tax profit of £29 million for the year to December 31, 1996. Oriflame predicted that the enlarged group's profit for the year to December 31, 1997, will not be less than £39 million.

### Morris plans to float

MORRIS GROUP, the privately owned housebuilder based in northwest England, plans to seek a stock market listing this year, it was confirmed yesterday. The company is expected to raise £10 million via a share placing, equivalent to up to 40 per cent of the enlarged equity. In the year to March 31, Morris made an operating profit of £3 million on turnover of £28.1 million and completed 304 houses for sale. Its landbank stands at more than five years at current usage.

### Diploma payout held

DIPLOMA, the industrial distribution company, is holding the total dividend at 14.5p a share, with an unchanged 10p final, after a fall in pre-tax profits to £21.6 million from £23.5 million in the year to September 30. The decline came in spite of increased turnover of E258 million (E235 million). Earnings fell to 24.8p from 27p. The company said its key markets of electronics, building and industrial and special steels suffered adverse trading conditions. The shares fell 18p to 235 2p.

### Whitecroft profits dip

PROFITS at Whitecroft, the lighting and building products company, fell to £2.3 million from £2.7 million in the half year to September 30, a period of extensive restructuring within the group. The company reported earnings per share of 3.7p, down from 4.4p. The interim dividend is held at 1.75p per share. The company said trading profits were slightly higher at £3.28 million, against £3.11 million, in spite of disruption from operational changes.

#### Southern Electric agrees to cuts BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY similar agreement by Eastern, are intended to protect prices part of The Energy Group, once competition starts in last week and signals a likely household electricity. A

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC, the last independent regional electricity company, yesterday attacked price controls which will cut bills by an average 9 per cent - or £23 - over the next two years but agreed to abide by the regulator's curbs. Its acceptance follows a

endorsement by the whole industry. In the summer regional companies indicated that they could seek referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in a clash with Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, over the controls which

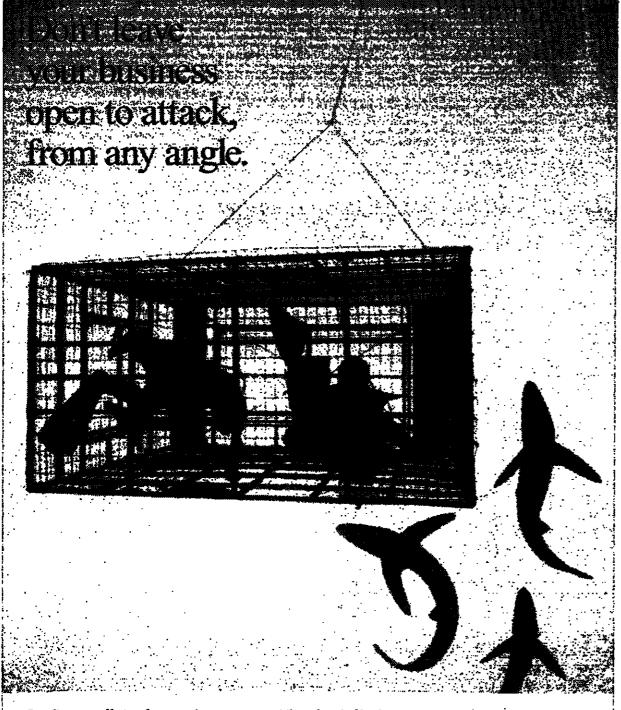
phased introduction of competition starts next April.

Southern complained that the two-year price restraint unfairly penalised companies that had reduced their cost base and which had passed on benefits to customers. But the company

price controls on the supply element of an electricity bill because it would not be in shareholders' interests. The regulator ordered price

Moir Lockhead, left, and Trevor Smallwood yesterday

cuts from regional electricity companies in order to ensure that once competition began in the domestic markets they were not able to lift prices.

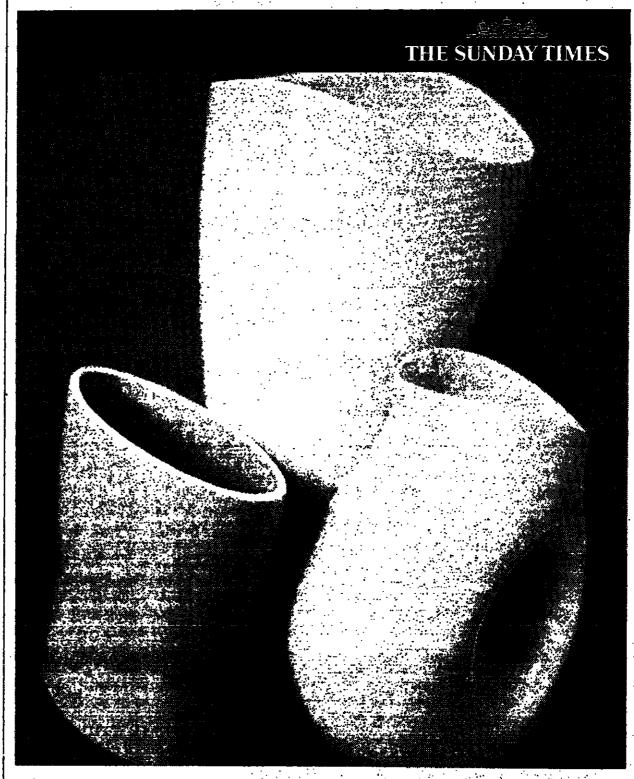


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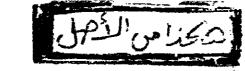
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# Ayling takes the cut-price route

summer, in one of the nastier and most important, industrial disputes to be seen for several years, he is now ready to attack the upstart infiltrators of the

have been taking advantage of the cheap fares now on offer are airline industry.
Operation Blue Sky will start small but has the potential to become an important part of the passing the major airlines and heading for Easylet or Devonair. company. Aying is structuring BA for the next century, as he made clear when he did battle with the cabin staff, a sickly bunch, according to the doctors who so conveniently provided medical get outs for their absence from unck. Iniping forces with there may be some big-spenders who will take note of the gaudy from work. Joining forces with American Airlines is a strategic ticket accordingly — Lady
Thatcher, presumably, boycotting BA unless it will incorporate plank in his planning and he is fighting the regulatory hurdles that seek to prevent the link.

But he is clearly plotting a framework which should ensure that BA is equipped to cope with the changing demands for air travel. Apart from the new, no frills, airline, there is also the joint venture with Flying Colours, which uses BA pilots but cabin crew from the holiday company to cater to those on jaunts to exotic destinations. Ayling is at pains to insist that

he is not aiming to turn BA into a

by our City Editor virtual airline, with everything

outsourced, although his summer bust-up must have made him ponder the delights of hav-ing the barest minimum of employees to call his own. Nonetheless, he is clearly prepared to take a radical look at what a modern airline operators should be, and that goes well beyond throwing off the Union Jack.

### Bank failure that spells good news

he surge in the Japanese stock market on news that a bank has been closed down seems to be a particularly perverse instance of laughing in the face of adversity. But the fact that the Japanese authorities have allowed a bank to fail is actually good news. Just how good will depend on whether this

development was simply a sop to American pressure or whether it is the start of a genuine, and long overdue, attempt to clear up Japan's financial system. It is no coincidence that Hok-

**COMMENTARY** 

kaido Takushoku Bank was wound up on the day that Larry Summers, the US Deputy Treasury Secretary, was in Tokyo. America has been putting in-tense pressure on Japan and other countries in the region to get their banking houses in order and start on the road to restoring investor confidence. However, the structure of the deal suggests that there is still no political will in Japan to put up taxpayers' money to pay for bailing out

banks. Hokuyo Bank took over Hokkaido Takushoku Bank on government orders. Its bad debt was transferred to the Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Bank of Japan provided special loans. In effect, the central bank printed yen to bail out a bank rather than acknowledge the awful truth.

Japan's record of cleaning up its banking mess has been extremely poor. It was obvious two years ago that radical action would have to be taken but, after two years of officialdom indulg-ing in every imaginable trick and backroom deal to hide the problem and keep banks affoat for appearances' sake, bad loans still amount to an estimated \$150 billion (£94 million). That is equivalent to more than 3 per cent of Japanese gross domestic product, a burden greater than the cost to America of bailing-out its savings and loan industry.

This time procrastination simply will not do. If bad loans are not tackled publicly and aggressively, the Nikkei will soon

slump again. Yesterday's rally took the index to just over 16,000. Many analysts think that, at below 15,000, many Japanese banks would be technically insolvent. Japan is in danger of haemorrhaging. A sticking plas-ter won't work.

#### Still a sorry tale by man from the Pru

ovember 16 has apparently been designated National Apology Day. A new range of greetings cards will be ready in time for this very special day next year, some with multiple choice messages, en-abling the sender to say sorry for a particular slip with just the tick of

Tony Blair and Sir Peter Davis took to the television screens to launch the day, which will give card manufacturers a useful fill-in between Halloween and Christmas. But please accept my apologies in advance if I sound a little sceptical about the chorus of mea culpas. Sir Peter's apology has been too long coming to be entirely convincing. He may be "very

sorry" now about the hurt occasioned by the Prudential's misselling of personal pensions but the victims would have appre-ciated it if he had been penitent at an earlier stage. Then he might have taken responsibility for ensuring that sufficient muscle was put into righting the wrongs quickly instead of at the laggardly pace that has ensued.

If Sir Peter is truly remorseful, then he will want to guard against the Pru ever misleading its customers again. This will require something rather more permanent than a television interview. The whole ethos of the Pru's sales operation needs to be re-examined. If Sir Peter wishes to be on the side of the angels, and not merely in his TV commercials, this is the issue he

#### Grinding away

GARRY WESTON has waited since 1991 to make his next major bid after taking over British Sugar, so presumably he will not mind waiting a while longer. Which is just as well: his wish to buy Dalgety's milling business needs Office of Fair Trading approved. roval. Even if the superficial monopoly problem is pushed aside, Dalgety shareholders should not get too excited. Mr Weston spends ABF money with all the frugality that he spends his own.

# **Emap pays** £100m for Macmillan magazines

omeone at British Airways

travelling businessmen have open-ended expense accounts and an extraordinary preoccupation with food. The

rapid growth of cut-price flight operators has not merely been fuelted by students who have saved a few pounds and are

anxious to explore the world.

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many more are likely to be

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their destination at a fraction of

Robert Ayling, BA's deter-

mined chief executive, would be

foolish not to try to provide

transport for those customers as well as the ones who are more

interested in collecting little foil-wrapped packets of peanuts.

Having taken on the unions this

has noticed that not all

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

EMAP, the magazine, radio per cent increase in pre-tax and exhibitions group, yester-profit to £64.5 million for the and exhibitions group, yester-day entered the health publishing market with the £100 million purchase of Macmillan titles such as Nursing Times and Health Service Journal Robin Miller, the Emap chief executive, said yesterday that healthcare was a huge and growing market and Emap intended to develop the Macmillan health services division by launching new titles, expanding exhibitions and

conferences and creating new electronic products. Emap also announced a 27

### Bupa may lift bid for **Care First**

By PAUL DURMAN BUPA, the healthcare and

hospitals group, yesterday signalled that it may be pre-pared to raise its £241 million offer for Care First, the nursing homes company. The emergence of two rival bidders over the weekend prompted Bupa to emphasise that its 150p-a share offer is not final. This gives it scope for an increase if that proves

EM Warburg Pincus, the American investment firm, yesterday confirmed that it is working on a possible offer with Merrill Lynch International, the investment bank. Chai Patel, until recently Care First's chief executive, is also said to be planning a bid with backing from a rival team of financiers.

Bupa did not expect to be drawn into an auction when it made its offer last week. It has continued discussions with Care First's board in the hope of securing a recommendation, possibly for a modestly improved offer.

Care First shares yester-day closed 5p up at 158 2p.

six months to September 30. boosted by strong growth in consumer advertising combined with falling paper

Emap is paying £85 million for the Macmillan business plus £17.3 million linked to first-year performance. Operating profit in 1996 was £8.4 million on sales of £27.7 million, a margin of 30 per cent. Macmillan, the publisher, said it decided to sell to concentrate on the more international side general publishing and Eng-

lish language teaching Emap also confirmed its general interest in IPC magazines, put up for sale by Reed Elsevier. Mr Miller emphasis-ed his wish to see formal bank documents on the sale, due to be available at the end of this month, before deciding wheth-

Mr Miller said the past six months had been a unique period" for consumer publishing, with a 4 per cent increase in copy sales and a 20 per cent increase in consumer advertising on a like-for-like basis, while paper costs had fallen more than 20 per cent. Operating profit from publishing rose 42 per cent to

£28.3 million. Turnover on communing businesses rose 4 per cent to £376 million, adjusted earnings per share were up by 28 per cent to 20.4p and the dividend goes up 15 per cent to 4.95p. Analysts are looking for about £140 million pre-tax profit for the full year. Emap



John Rudgard intends to devote his energies to "a couple of business start-ups"

### LCR upbeat over future of rail link after review

By Jon Ashworth

LONDON & Continental Railways (LCR) has issued an upbeat statement about the future of the £3 billion highspeed Channel Tunnel rail link, but it gave warning about slower than expected growth at Eurostar, its trainoperating subsidiary.

Confirming plans to float on the stock market about the middle of next year. LCR said that a wide-ranging business review had confirmed the long-term viability of its business. The 68-mile high-speed link remains on budget and on schedule, with completion due towards the end of 2003. The eight-strong LCR consortium said it was in discussions with seven potential partners participation might whose benefit the physical operation

of the project or its financing. There has been speculation that the link might stop near the M25 motorway because of the huge costs of the project, which includes six miles of tunnelling from Barking to Islington. LCR, said the rail link would be built in a single operation, including the terminus at St Pancras. The preferred contractors for £500 million of tunnelling work will be named by Christmas.

Adam Mills, LCR's chief executive, said: "The process of reappraisal and evaluation has confirmed the long-term viability of LCR's overall business." The rate of growth in

Eurostar passenger numbers is likely to be less rapid in the short term than was anticipated at the time of the LCR bid in 1995. Longer term, the business is deemed financially robust. Eurostar passenger numbers grew 20 per cent in the first nine months of 1997.

### **ABF** seeks to buy **Spillers**

ASSOCIATED British Foods is seeking clearance from the Office of Fair Trading to acquire the Spillers milling business from Dalgety (See Commentary, this page).

Analysts said they were far from certain whether ABF would be allowed to do the deal. ABF already owns the flour producer Allied Mills in Britain, and the City believes that buying Spillers Milling would take the group over the limits on British ownership unless the grouping were considered an international commodity operation not subject to domestic regulation.

Spillers was put on sale in September with the rest of Dalgety's food ingredi-ents business when Dalgety announced a £300 mil-lion corporate restructuring. The deadline for first bids is tomorrow evening.

# Early departure

BY DOMINIC WALSH

JOHN RUDGARD, chief executive of HP Bulmer Holdings, surprised the City yesterday by announcing his intention to step down in April after 33 years with the

Mr Rudgard, who has held the post of chief executive for ten years, is to be succeeded by Michael Hughes, former managing director of Guinness Brewing Great Britain and a former UK marketing director

shares rose 5p to 906½ p.

was at his own request. Mr Rudgard, who is 58 in March, said: "In a sense my work is complete. The company is in great shape and while the market isn't great at the moment, it will come back." The company's shares, unchanged at 420p yesterday, have lost more than 200p

since the spring.

He said he intends to devote his energies to his other business interests, including "a couple of business start-ups". Earlier this month he was appointed as a non-executive director of Wyko Group, the industrial services provider, and will soon take on a second non-executive role with an unnamed company.

# for Bulmer chief

for Coca-Cola Mr Hughes, 47, will join Bulmer in January. Esmond Bulmer, chairman, said that Mr Rudgard had made "a great contribution" during his career with the company and emphasised that

### his departure two years early Sinclair moves on Premiere

SHARES in Sinclair Montrose, the healthcare group, lost nearly a quarter of their value yesterday as it an-nounced plans to take over Premiere Group, a small employment agency that floated 18 months ago. Sinclair Mon-

businesses helping hospitals with their stating needs, will finance at least half the purchase price by issuing new shares at the rate of 22 for every 20 in Premiere.

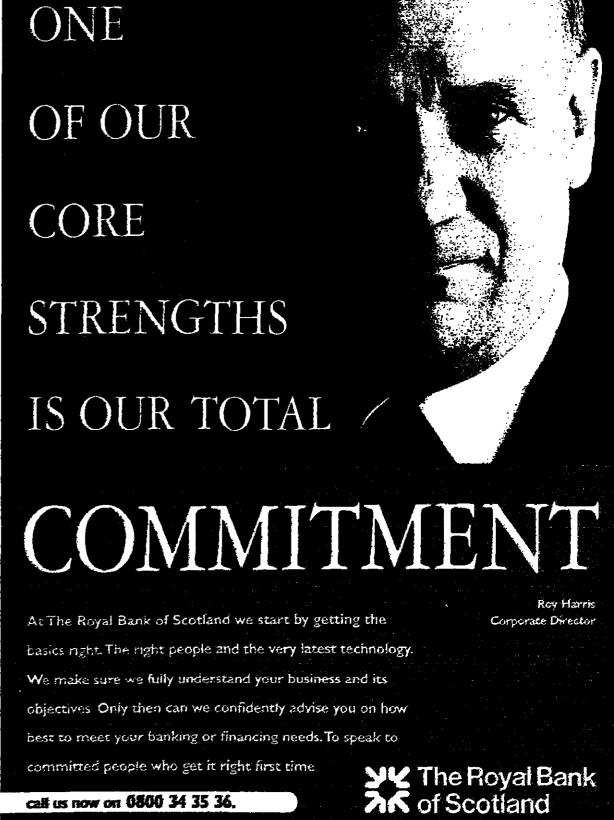
The share price fall cut the paper value of the deal from trose shares fell from 242p to 185p (Paul Durman writes).

The company, which runs paper value of the dear norm from 1905 million to about £8 million. Premiere's shareholders will be able to exchange up

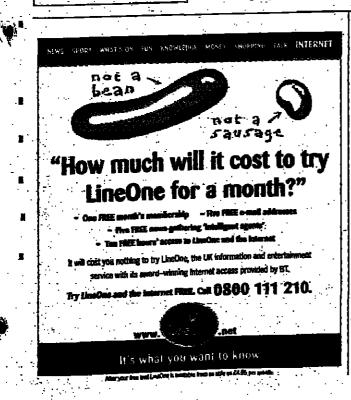
to half their holdings for about 268p a share in cash. Pre-miere's shares stood at 172½ p before it announced a possible bid approach last month.

It is only three months since Sinclair, listed on the Alternative Investment Market, issued £6.6 million of shares to fund the roll-out of a chain of medical centres.





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# Companies hit by Asian turmoil lead recovery

CITY traders were uncon vinced by the sharp rises in yesterday as shares were marked higher but dealingroom activity remained low.

The sharpest rise in Japan's Nikkei 225 for seven years could not fail to prompt a domino effect in London and Wall Street. But just like the crash last month, marketmakers held fire to be sure that it was for real. And at the close of trading, no one was

any surer. The banks, together with companies that have been hardest hit by the Asian stock collapse, led the recovery in the FTSE 100, which closed up 125.2 points at 4867.0.

Apart from watching the FTSE 100 rise with bemused disbelief, talk of a merger between Barciays Bank, up 30p at £14.90, and NatWest Bank, up 152p at 8702, kept traders amused before Wall Street opened. A possible linkup is being seen as fanciful, but the news helped to pep up a sector still trying to recover from last month's crash.

Abbey National rose to 960p on news that Safeway. up בלp at 40lp, was planning to open another one of its instore banks that Abbey is helping develop. Lloyds TSB, which owns Cheltenham & Gloucester, was 24p higher at 723p after being the latest to raise its mortgage rates by a quarter point.

Analysts are soon to take a trip to the headquarters of HSBC, up 59p to 1405p, on hope that they will come back thinking its shares have suffered enough. This anticipa-tion trickled down to Standard Chartered, 20p better at 642p.

United Biscuits won loud with PepsiCo, w hich will see £150 million returned to shareholders. The shares leapt 25½p to 219½p, becoming the strongest performers in the FISE 250.

Lasmo added 3p to 28lp. amid talk of further positive comment from NatWest. Fleming Japan, up 94p to 1384 p. became one of the est movers in the FTSE - a direct result of the

surge in the Nikkei.
Although Schroders was billed as the sharpest FTSE 100 mover, up 103p to £15.31 the rise was exaggerated by liquidity shortages. The shares are still 8 per cent off their high. BAA was up 7p to



David Grigson, Emap finance chief, left, and Robin Miller

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501p after going ex-dividend. It was helped by news of a lowbudget air flight service introduced by British Airways, up 17p to 567p, and also exdividend. BA is planning to

use BAA's Stanstead airport. Anticipation of today's re-sults from Vodafone Group lifted its shares up 104p to 357p after Lehman Brothers forecast a 400p share close by the end of next year. A change

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of heart from Société Générale helped shares in BSkyB rise 21p to 424p as the broker switched to a "buy' recommendation.

Granada Group strength ened by IOp, to 800p, on word that it has ancieved good value from the disposal of its French motorway services division a move first disclosed in this column last month. Rumours of further take-

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elsewhere in the market?

Takeover rumours are al-

ready lifting shares of Ryland. Although it is diffi-cult to see which UK com-

panies have still got cash to spend, overseas rivals may

Analysts are saying that

manufacturers must loosen

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to command better deals.

The best of the takeovers

may be over, but the sector

is unlikely to sink much

further than this.

ment Market, Sinclair Montrose fell 57p to 186p after it launched an agreed bid to boost its employment arm with a £10.7 million bid for Premiere Group.Majestic Wine rose 4p to a new high of 3095 p before results next week - marking a 50 per cent advance since its shares joined the AIM at 2045p last year. Total Office, whose shares have been in freefall from 130p after a profits warning last month, began to pick up again, adding 1½p to 86p. Dealers said that the drop has been way overdone and there would be further recovery.

Minorplant Systems joined the junior exchange today, but dropped 124p from its 65p flotation price. Meanwhile, Dean Corp enjoyed its last day on the junior exchange steady at 14p. It joins the full

cember was up three notches at 1173132.

☐ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks remained strong at midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 129.17 points at 7,701.65, boosted by a rally in Toyko on optimism about government support for the banking sector.

92p to an eight-month high of 100p. However, none of its

shares changes hands. Dalgety was also in demand, gaining op to 247½, on news that Associated British Foods, up 3p at 543p, is eking clearance to buy its

Spillers milling business. Shares in Emap, of which Robin Miller is chief executive, rose 5p to 9061 p after the publisher announced the £102 million acquisition of the health services division of

Macmillan Magazines. British Biotech was at the centre of speculation that it might make a controversial US link-up. Although details were thin and sources unclear, its shares still gained 4½p to 105½p The slide in sterling, down 0.22 cents at \$1.6925, helped RMC Group to rise 32p to 934p.

Sell tips in the weekend ress took their toll on Manchester United, down 5p at 6422. Loftus Road, off 5p at 302p and Zetters, down 12p at 122p.

On the Alternative Invest-

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### Prospect in the East

the Russian oil and gas industry than the sight of Shell and BP investing the best part of \$2 billion just for the right to sit at the table. Russia has some 49 billion barrels of proven oil reserves and as much as twice that in exploration potential. The problem in Russia is less of finding oil than of producing it efficiently. For BP and Shell, both flush with funds and knowhow but lacking projects, the

The money both companies are paying is tantamount to an introduction fee - Shell could end up with a mere 2 per cent in Gazprom, although BP may be able to equity account some reserves. The rationale is that the partners can open the door to colossal oil and gas reserves — in the case of Sidanco, the Kovyktinskoye field in Eastern Siberia.

partnerships are made in heaven.

reckoned to have 25 to 60 trillion cubic feet of gas and aimed at the Chinese market. Gazprom also offers Shell the immediate prospect of a joint venture development of

Zapolyarnoye, another huge oil and gasfield.
The link between Gazprom and Shell goes beyond upstream projects. Gazprom, the largest gas company in the world, is seeking to penetrate markets downstream in Western Europe. Through partnering Gazprom, Shell can boast not only its North Sea reserves and a stake in the vast Groningen gasfield in The Netherlands, but some measure of influence over Europe's largest gas importer. Such a partnership could play a strategic role in gas supply across the Continent. It is early days, but the alliance could become as important a deal for Shell as the original link-up between Shell Transport and Royal Dutch Petroleum.

#### **British Steel**

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RECENT ISSUES

FORECASTING British Steel's profits is more about the sterling-mark exchange rate than its strength as a steelmaker. Commodities are always a hostage to external forces, such as weather or currency, but British Steel is being hung, drawn and quartered on the

strength of the pound.

The situation is all the more depressing because steel is enjoying a cyclical prices. While steel demand in Europe grew by 7 per cent and UK consumption was up 5 per cent, British Steel's profits were haived, with revenues falling 11 per cent.

The pressure is unlikely to lessen because the Far East is an important customer. The financial turmoil in Asia will inevitably weaken the UK's attraction as a steel

doubts over the future of steel demand in that region. Property prices are already falling, a sure signal that construction starts will begin to tail off. The slimmed-down, cost-

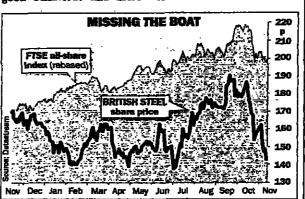
cutting, conservative British Steel is getting no reward for good behaviour and there

supplier against local rivals.

Moreover, there must be

home-grown strategy. Without local production in foreign markets, it must export. However, it cannot hope to sured in pricey pounds. Even on optimistic assumptions of earnings per share of 10p the shares are priced on a heady multiple of 15. They have far

must be doubts about its



#### **United Biscuits**

IT IS a measure of the lean times suffered by UB shareholders in recent years that yesterday's deal with Pepsi-Co should have sparked the biggest one-day share price

Selling underperforming businesses and investing in strong ones is hardly rocket science, but yesterday's asset swap did achieve both, and the return of a chunk of the proceeds to shareholders was the icing on the cake.

The problem for UB over

the past two years has been that the sorting-out process has proved costly, prompting a host of provisions. The latest deal, mirabile dictu, will produce a "modest" ex-

The rationale cannot be faulted. In return for a clutch businesses centred on France and Belgium, UB is getting a profitable and growing biscuitmaker that will rein-

In Australia, the scenario is different. The two businesses have a combined market share of more than 50 per cent putting UB head-to-head with PepsiCo. Heavy investment has preserved UB's market share but at the expense of profits, making a sale to PepsiCo the obvious

City wags suggest that the moment you feel like buying UB, you should go and lie down. But if management can now demonstrate an ability to grow the company the time for a nap may fast be approaching.

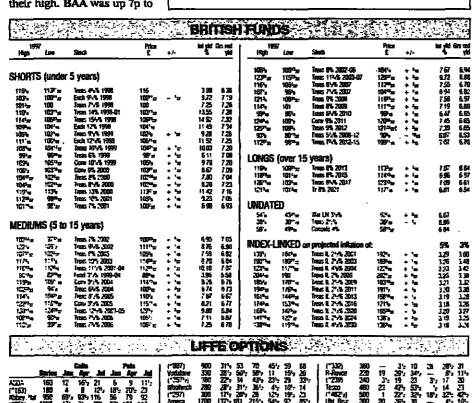
### Unigate

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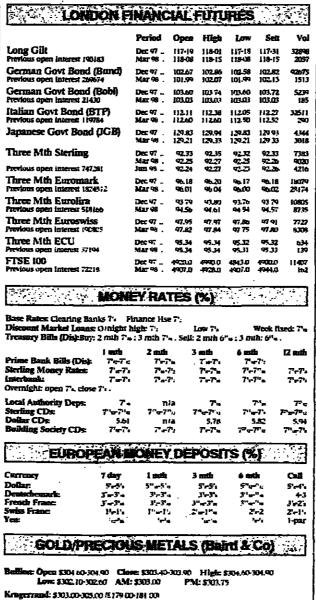
panies, Unigate has been fighting battles on three fronts: Milk Marque's baleful influence over raw milk pricing, the rapid decline in doorstep deliveries, and the ruthlessness of the supermarkets' buyers. Unigate is now reaping the rewards of the re-cent cuts in raw milk prices, and it has learnt to live with the loss of doorstep business, which still continues. That leaves the supermarkets, and Unigate is pinning its hopes on consolidation among rival suppliers. The reduced raw milk prices may defer some of the tough decisions that need to be taken, but Unigate's large cash pile should leave it well placed to emerge a winner from this shakeout.

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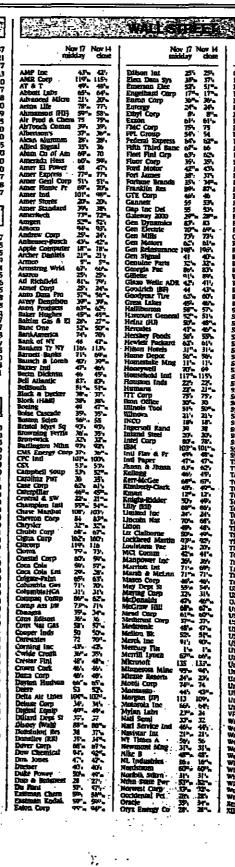


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#### t is said that three words convey the same meaning in every language. Taxi: a means of transport in cities. Hallelujah: a religious exultation. Expo: a mix of trade fair and Disneyland that guzzles public funds and ends its days rotting in the backyard of

whichever country had the misfortune to play host. Take Expo 92, for example. Set in Seville, it was billed as an extravaganza in which each country built a stall, filled it with feats of national innovation and wowed the crowds with its home-grown ingenuity. In spite of being in the depths of recession, Britain

was not about to be left out. The Department of Trade and Industry ploughed £20 million of public funds into its effort it commissioned a glass and steel building the size of West-minster Abbey, which the Government hailed as repre-"the rebirth of

That was asking for trouble. Only 1.5 million people visited the British pavilion — one million fewer than the DTI had hoped for. The Spanish national audit office found the £90 million profit claimed by the Socialist government was, in fact, a £200 million loss.

Its plans for regeneration a flop, Britain decided to ship home its multimillion-pound

# Past failures forgotten as the UK heads fearlessly for Expo

site, piece by piece, or sell it for scrap, if no home was found. Expo became Eurospeak for white elephant".

Now, it is Expo time again and neither Britain nor Portugal, next year's host, is disheartened by the legacy of financial disaster they have inherited. Portugal is confident it can avoid the mistakes of Seville and is ploughing £1.5 billion into ensuring that it will succeed where all the other Expos have failed.

Nor is Britain's DTI fazed by the barrage of cricitism it suffered last time, Rather then see Expo as a means of commercial suicide, it has pledged £3.1 million of public funds to set up its own stall and once again try its hand at showing the world the best of

It is taking the view that Expo is all about image — and the Portuguese Expo is a chance to try its hand at some brand reinvention. With a much more limited budget, the scope for financial catastrophe will be much reduced and, this time maybe, Britain will play specialises in masterminding its part in a meaner, leaner

Expo series. Britain will be competing for the hearts and minds of an estimated 2.5 million visitors to its exhibit. It will be one of 142 countries that will be vying for the 8.5 million people that Portugal expects to visit Expo. The centrepiece of the New Britain image is the national day, where much of the DIT's one-off events.

He intends to project images of British business, with their help and sponsorship, any-where he can in the 150-acre site. He talks cryptically about "earth, wind, fire and water", and leaving everyone in no doubt about the things that make Britain great. He is joined by Roger Westbrook, British Ambassador to Portu-

### With a limited budget, the DTI effort may be leaner and meaner this time

images of British business acoss the whole site. Rather than rely on Britain's wellworn march of history, which was the mistake made at Expo 92, the UK delegation has picked Angus Farquhar, a Glasgow artist who made his name in Test Department -an experimental 1980s rock band with a penchant for loud

gal, who openly jokes that he will be recalled and sent to govern the Faikland Islands as a punishment if Britain's Expo

effort flops. Both are keen to ensure that the Britain projecting itself at the Portuguese Expo will not be the proud, old empirebuilding country that gleefully joined in Spain's historical navel-gazing five years ago. This time, he says, Britain will

shoulder" at history and focus on Britain's future. The implication is that, after seeing the British pavilion, visitors will

go out and buy British.

Not that the Portuguese need much persuading. Portugal is one of Britain's oldest trading partners and trade between the two countries amounts to £1.5 billion a year. Britain has also won an attractive piece of Portugal's £1.5 billion Expo budget for itself. British construction companies are heavily involved in cleaning the new site, and Trafalgar House is leading the consortium that is building the

new bridge across the site. But the biggest question is whether Portugal will manage to turn the Expo site into something useful once everyone has gone home. Unlike Seville's Expo, Lisbon is building all its venues and plans to sell them later as a London Docklands-type office development. It plans to come out with 1.85 million square metres of

where more than 5,000 people will live and work alongside the world's largest aquarium. Expo will, the organisers hope, go on to become Lisbon's

This is an ambitious plan. The State is spending £620 million, which it hopes to reclaim through tax within eight years. It expects that Expo will bring £550 million of extra tourism revenue next year alone - enough to make up a third of the forecast 3 per cent GDP growth.

The Expo authorities are not short of critics. Portuguese newspapers question the usefulness of mammoth fairs in an age of instant communication. And the success of the venture largely depends on hitting the target of 15 million visits, which relies on some 6.5 million people paying for entry on two days.

They are quick to remind people that such international trade fairs left the Crystal Palace in London and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. But anyone can throw a good party, given enough money; the real test will come if the banks are still happy in five years' time. To prove itself a success, Portugal will have to go further than lay on the greatest show on earth.

FRASER NELSON

further demystifying the busi-

ness of travel. Blue Sky will operate eight

737s to begin with — at a cost of about £20 million a year in

leasing charges, according to

analysts. BA is not giving out

figures but payroll costs will probably add another £4 mil-

lion a year. All this is very

small beer to a company with

The carrier will sell direct to

the public, bypassing travel agents. Bookings will be made

by credit card over the phone.

with receipts sent out in the

post. Tickets will be issued at

the airport with a minimum of

fuss. This has implications for

travel agents, who are facing a

squeeze as it is. BA announced

yesterday that it is cutting

commission on tickets sold by

travel agents in the UK with

effect from January I. Com-

mission on international ticket

sales falls from 9 to 7 per cent.

launch should be good for

consumers - in the short

term, at least. Debonair, for

one, quotes return fares of £69

on routes to Madrid and

Copenhagen. BA quotes a full

economy return fare (ex Heathrow) of £498 to Madrid

and £464 to Copenhagen. The one drawback is Stansted,

which has a narrow catch-

ment area, and is not ideal as a

destination, despite good rail links from London Liverpool

Chris Tarry, aviation analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort

Benson, says that BA, in

choosing Stansted, is "putting

a flag on the map", looking ten

to 15 years ahead. Stansted is

set to grow in importance as

Heathrow and Gatwick move

Misgivings aside, the BA

sales of £8.4 billion in 1996.

#### MARKETING

## When black and white become grey

hen Guinness call-ed time on its cryptic but successful "black and white" advertising campaign last week, it became the latest in a succession of household names that have recently written off big investments in well-known and popular campaigns.

oarciaycard has just waved goodbye to the £100 million Barclaycard has million or so it spent on a seven-year campaign starring Rowan Atkinson. Last month Nestlé ended a tenyear soap opera for coffee which cost a similar amount And Cadbury is shortly due to kill off the "man in black" campaign for its Milk Tray assortments after a 30-year run and a spend of tens of millions of pounds.

With increasingly competitive marketplaces, fragmenting media and pressure from shareholders for immediate results, it is not surprising that advertisers seem to be increasingly turning to shortburst factical campaigns at the expense of a more longterm approach. This can be exacerbated by pressure for change from within the company. Marketing directors spend less than two years on average in their posts before moving on, so they need to make their mark quickly. Changing the advertising is a visible way to do this.

But companies let it hap-pen at their peril. For paradoxically in an area of business noted for its obsession with novelty and impact, long-running campaigns are what every advertiser should be searching for. The reason is that they confer a place in consumers' hearts that mere money cannot buy. "They give you a cumulative investment which far exceeds the value of each year's spend," said Nigel Clare, managing director of Heinz's European

He should know - his company has used the phrase "57 varieties" in its advertising and promotions for more than a century.

grocery division.

Given the considerable benefits of long-term properties, you might wonder why they should ever be disposed of? There is no single answer. But the most obvious reason is consumer boredom probably the key factor behind the demise of the Gold Blend saga. "The basic prin-ciple behind advertising is that you have to keep people interested. Long-term campaigns add familiarity, but this can turn into contempt." said Stephen Carter chief ex-

ecutive of J Walter Thomp-

This shouldn't be confused with the boredom of the advertising agency, which often sees running old strategies as an insult to its creative integrity. "In those circumstances I'll change my agen-cy before I change my campaign," said the manag-ing director of one well

known brand company. But undoubtedly the strongest reason for change is when the property or campaign holds back the brand. In Barclaycard's case, said John Eaton, managing direc-tor, the Richard Latham character sold the idea that it was "a good support, a form of insurance for when things got difficult"

But, said Mr Eaton. consumers were now more financially sophisticated and there was more competition. so we wanted a more everyday approach. The advertising strategy is part of the brand strategy which is a key part of the total business strategy. We couldn't move the business on until we had changed the advertising."

Cadbury faced a similar problem with the "man in biack". Alan Palmer, marketing director, said: "He was Since then relationships between men and women have changed to become less courtly. And there is a new competitive set facing boxed

seems there is a tradeoff between the prudent success of the existing approach which may be say ing the wrong things and the impact of a new campaign which can lack the resonance and leverage of something that consumers have known all their lives.

Mr Carter said: "Ideally you want an advertising campaign to be both a wife and a mistress simultaneously." In a few rare cases this can happen. The Esso tiger, PG chimps and Andrex puppy are all examples of campaigns that have lasted decades and remained relatively fresh.

ments for and against pensioning off your old properties will be delicately balanced. "When there is doubt, the onus of proof should be on the agents for change," said Carter. "Long-running campaigns give such benefits that they should be held innocent until

**ALEX BENADY** 

# BA goes in search of blue skies with no-frills travel operation

Jon Ashworth finds rival low-cost airlines disturbed by the threat

from Britain's major carrier

n America, low-cost carriers speak for about 30 per cent of the domestic . air travel market — nearly a third of all passengers, in other words. Operators such as Southwest Airlines, Tower, Air and ValuJet (trenamed AirTran following the Florida DC-9 crash) have steadily encroached on the traditional carriers since America opened its domestic skies to competition in 1978. Southwest alone has 250 Boeing 737s in its fleet - clear evidence of the lasting

appeal of the no-frills package. On April 1, the European Commission wrapped up its own programme of deregulation, allowing any European Union airline to start domestic services in another member country. The past three years as seen the launch of a samber of low-cost carriers, including Ryanair, flying from Stansted, and Virgin Express, based in Brussels. UK operators include Debonair and EasyJet, both based in Luton.

Business travellers are an

important source of custom. The low-cost market be-tween the UK and other European destinations has grown from nothing to 5 per cent in just two years, and the US experience suggests that there is a lot more left to go round. That, at any rate, was the argument being put forward yesterday by British Airways, which confirmed its rivals' worst fears by announcing the launch of its own low-

cost venture.
Codenamed "Blue Sky", the carrier will launch in the first half of 1998, operating 737-300s out of Stansted, and serving destinations (initially) in Italy, Spain, Scandinavia, France and Germany. It will be run as a separate business with its own name, identity. management and employees. More than 150 jobs will be created in the first year, spread

between pilots, cabin crew and telephone sales.

From the perspective of its low-cost rivals, BA has only one aim in launching its new service: to drive them out of the skies. It is seeking to "lock up" Stansted, grabbing the best slots and pates. Ryanair is directly affected; as is another Stansted-based carrier, Air UK, owned by KLM.

Some see a union-busting angle in all this BA has succeeded in pushing through less-favourable pay and conditions at Euro Gatwick and British Airways Regional. Sceptics see a "Trojan Horse" element in Blue Sky - a warning to mainline BA pilots and crew to "toe the line or we go outside". This all fits with the virtual airline theory, in which doom-mongers foresee BA degenerating into little more than a brand, with all the main functions parcelled out to outside operators.

Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, has rejected the virtual airline argument more times than he cares to remember, but it stubbornly refuses to go away. Any fresh evidence of outsourcing is seized on with glee, and so it is with BA's no-frills carrier. Pouring cold water on some of this, Blue Sky has recognised the British Airline Pilots Association - a move not em-by all low-cost operators.

Rivals were swift to question BA's motives yesterday. Franco Mancassola, chairman and chief executive of Debonair. said Blue Sky was a "warning light" to consumers, who could see air fares rise if BA succeeded in squeezing the low end of the market. He said: "I believe very strongly in competition, but if BA is going to use the brute force of their financial system to eliminate small competitors, then they should be stopped."



Franco Mancassola, Debonair chairman: a "warning light" to consumers



Stelios Haji-Ioannou, EasyJet chairman: ready to raise market issue in Brussels

"Deregulation was created to give the consumer a choice not for people already in a position of strength to take advantage of every single scrap, like a vulture does in the

Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic Airways, said the move was "typical" of BA's approach to business. He said: "They hate competition

and Europe's new low-cost carriers are genuine competition when compared to BA's dominant and monopolistic control of the markets at Heathrow, Gatwick and other

regional airports." Mr Branson said Virgin would support other low-cost carriers in any petition they might make to the European Commission. EasyJet, run by Stelios Haji-loannou, said it would raise the issue in Brussels if there was evidence of an abuse of a dominant market

Barbara Cassani, Blue Sky's chief executive-elect, remained aloof from the debate yesterday, saying only: "I welcome and embrace competition."

Ms Cassani spent six months considering whether BA wanted to enter the lowcost market, and concluded

There is no guarantee that BA will make a success of it. Between 80 and 85 per cent of new carriers launched in America post-deregulation went out of business. European low-cost operators additionally have charter airlines to contend with, making their task all the more difficult. having decided six months ago that it was safe to shift there from the out-

### towards saturation. There is an element of dipping its toe in the water, seeing how things **LAW** 39 ourt of Appeal

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#### anyone. And the Coopers would be restricted to the sort of good works he and they are currently engaged in

Fabian's way

dinner of the Worshipful Company of Coopers, of which he is a member, in the presence of the Lord Mayor. He hen published a pamphlet along with the Fabian Society that suggested the entire Corporation of London, and the system by which Mayors and other dignituries are elected, should be swept away. Which would rather have put the mockers on Friday's dinner. would it not? Some conflict of interest?

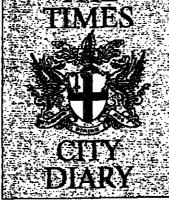
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Not so, responds Matson. "I see no role for the Coopers Company or any other company in local government." Under his plans, the Mansion House would be available for hire by with Tower Hamlets Borough Council, providing sheltered housing. But the Fabian Society, surely, is a bit left wing to carry much weight with the Corporation? That's your criticism of the Corporation. I would hope they aren't as bigoted as that."

☐ THE Matson blast has stirred up Guildhall, which normally does not react publicly to criticism. Judith Mayhew, chairman of policy and resources and successor to the omni-present Michael Cassidy, points to the 10,000 acres of land the Corporation owns or operates around London. There is some thought that there is this huge pot of gold avail-able," she says. "But a lot of that is tied up in open space." As well as owning most of Epping Forest and Highgate Wood, among other bits and bobs, Guildhall also operates Hampstead Heath. Given the Government's stated need to build four million new homes over the next few years, scrap the Corporation and



much of this will end up with the developers, she says.

### Ikea of the air

BARBARA CASSANI, the chief executive of the new British Airways budget airline, may regret her suggestion that this will become the Ikea of the air. Because this suggests that BA's new venture will indeed be cheap. And impossible to reach because of road works and heavy traffic. The car park will be full. You will never find the flight you want, or any staff who can tell you where it might be. And the planes, all of which will have silly names like Snorl and Florgel, will not be customer friendly.

#### Name game A NEW thriller features a belea-

guered Prime Minister terrified that a scandal from his business past will ruin his career. The PM's name is Martin Taylor. You might think the lawyers would spot this one fairly early on, but this is just what has hap-pened in Dublin. Betrayal, by Irish senator and academic Maurice Manning, is about an Irish Taoiseach haunted by his past - oh, the choice, the choice. Publication had to be stopped because the fictional figure in question was Thomas Mulcahy, which happens to be the name of the highly respected group chief executive of Allied Irish Banks. Now the book has finally been published, with the name changed to Jack Mulcahy.

☐ KENNETH CLARKE gets the deputy chairmanship of BAT Industries. Other Tory grandees are gradually filling up slots in the private sector. Yesterday it was announced that Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, has lined up his own little earner, as non-executive director of the Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust. Hurry, hurry, stocks are going fast.

### Turkish delight

THE rehabilitation of Asil Nadir: he has set up a new business in Turkey. business in his adopted country

law state of northern Cyprus. He and four associates have put five billion Turkish lira into As-Na Holding, which means it is worth, ooh, all of £16,000. Turkey is a fellow Nato member and knocking on the doors of the EU. We have no formal extradition treaty with Turkey, but we normaily exchange criminal suspects. Except for this particular bailstrengthens suspicions that Nadir has done some sort of deal with the

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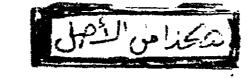
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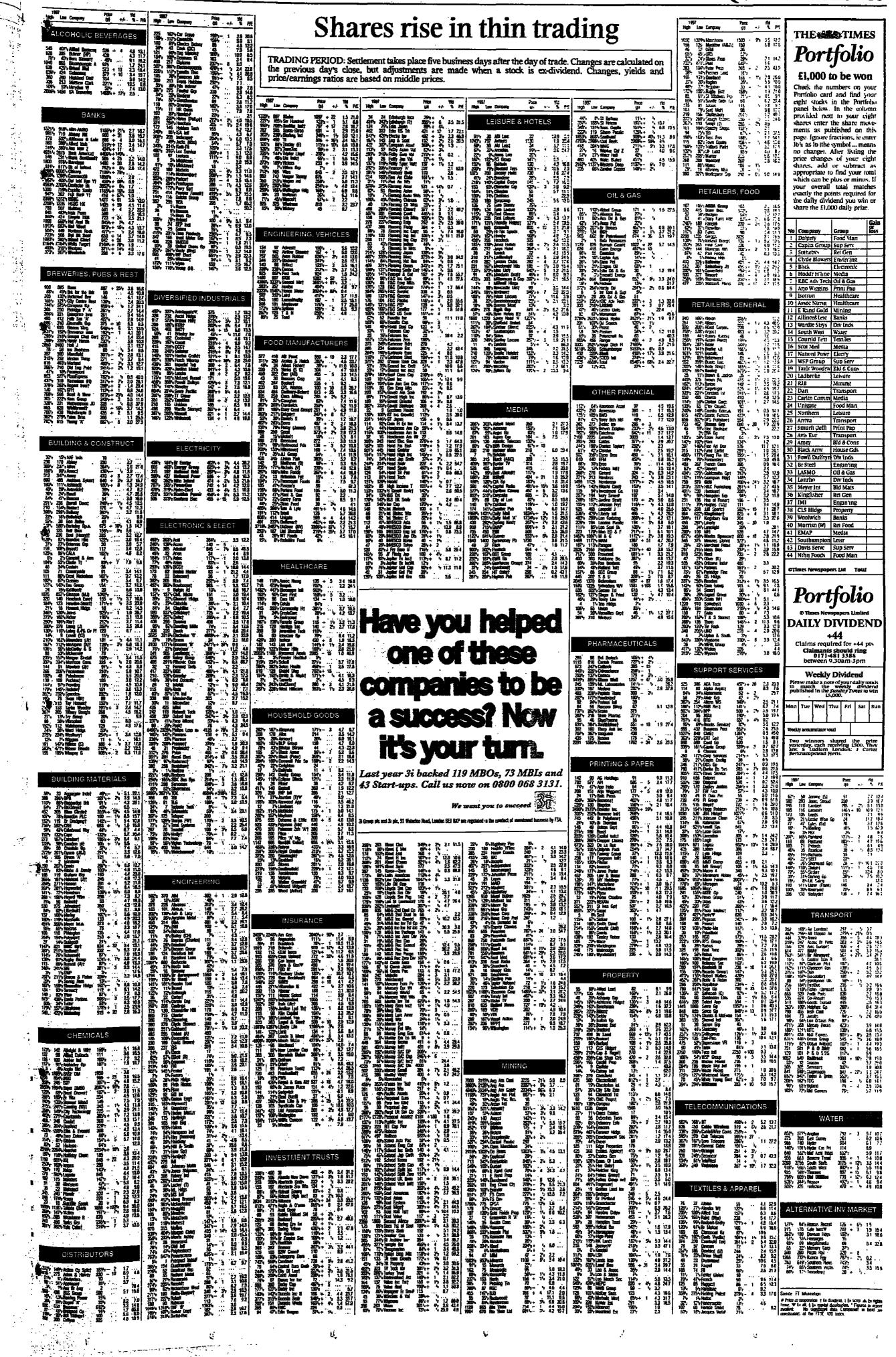
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## Failure to comply with order

Refrigeration Ltd: UPO (UK) Ltd and Another (Third Partiesk Unité Hermetique (Fourth Party)

Before Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Robert Walker

(Judgment October 30) It was wrong in principle to strike out a party's defence for breach of a Order 34, rule luft) of the Rules of the Supreme Court did give jurisdiction to make such an order.

Where a party had failed to comply with a bare order for discovery, not expressed as a final or "unless" order, the proper order was to grant an extension of time expressed in an "unless" order. The Court of Appeal so held

allowing an appeal against a decision of Judge Gibbs in Birmingham District Registry by the fourth party, Unite Hermetique, against the dismissa of its defence to fourth party proceedings brought by the third parties, UPO (UK) Ltd, and its associated company. Asko Oy. The judge's orders were quashed

and judgment against the fourth party set aside. The third parties had supplied a refrigeration unit to the defendant shop premises where it had caught fire. The fourth party had supplied the compressor to the third parties. who alleged that the compressor was responsible for the fire.

in an action for damages for breach of contract and negligence arising from a fire in a refrigeration unit supplied to the plaintiffs. the defence to a fourth party notice was dismissed under Order 24 rule (o(l) for failure to comply with an order for specific discovery not expressed in final or "unless" form. Judgment was given for the third

In the main action, judgment was given for the plaintiffs, and for the defendant against the third parties. Liability for damage therefore rested with the fourth party, which appealed against the dismissal of its defence.

Order 24, rule 16 provides: (1) If any party who is required by any of the foregoing rules, or by any order made thereunder, to make discovery of documents . . . fails to comply ... the court may make such order as it thinks just includ-, in particular, an order that the action be dismissed or . . . an order that the defence be struck out and judgment be entered accordingly. Mr Ronald Walker, QC and Mr Alexander Hill-Smith for the

Navarro, QC, for the third parties. LORD JUSTICE OFTON said that the effect of the judge's order was to debar the fourth party from

advancing an arguable defence and left it vulnerable to the outcome of the main action and the third party proceedings. To do so was a misuse of the power within Order 24 rule (6(1).

That order did not secure compliance relating to discovery but punished the fourth party for not having complied with a "bare" order in time. The circumstances were not so exceptional as to justify such an order. At the hearing, the third parties should have asked for an order

striking out the defence unless within a certain time the fourth party had produced a discovery. That would then have become peremptory order of the court with would have justified the

The fact that discovery was not vet complete and that there was no evidence justifying the default were not sufficient reason for imposing the sanction of strike out. The order for discovery made in this case was not neremptory. In Coventry City Council (The Times Auld described an "unless" order as "the end of the line for a party

who has failed to comply with it". The fourth party had not reached the end of the line merely because it failed to comply with one previous order which was not a final or "unless" order.

Although Order 24, rule (60) gave the judge jurisdiction to make the order, he none the less erred in principle in striking out a defence order. He should have made a final or "unless" order and plainly exercised his discretion wrongly. The judge had an inherent in the absence of a specific applica-tion supported by affidavit. When ing the third parties

application the judge was required to consider the fourth party's position and had power to grant any necessary extension. It would not have been appropriate to deny the fourth party an extension, where the denial would deprive it of the right to defend tself, because of a procedural default which, even if unjustifi-able, caused the third parties no prejudice which could not be

compensated by an award of costs. Lord Justice Walker agreed. Solicitors: Hextall Erskine:

### Council cannot change school in statement

Regina v Havering London Borough Council, Ex parte K Before Mr Justice Sedley

Judgment August 201 Once a particular school had been specified in a child's special educational needs statement, it was not open to the education authority in provide school transport for the child to take the view that the child's needs would be mer at other nearer schools.

Want of transport was capable of being an unavoidable cause within the terms of section 444(7) of the Education Act 1996 for the absence of a child from a branding

However, in the instant case, the fact that the child's mother found it impossible because of busines problems to take the child to and from school did not amount in law to an "unavoidable cause" so as to make it incumbent on the council to consider it necessary to provide transport under section 509(1) of the 1946 Act, since it affected the child only secondarily.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division on application by the mother of a application by the mother of a child aged 10 quashing by way of judicial review the refusal of cil on April 25 and July 25, 1997 to grant the child assistance with

Section 444 of the 1996 Act provides: "(I) If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to parent is guilty of an offence... "[7] In proceedings for an offence

under this section in respect of a child who is a boarder at the school at which he is a registered pupil. the child shall be taken to have failed to attend regularly at the school if he is absent from it without leave during any part of the school term at a time when he was not prevented from being present by reason of sickness or any unavoidable cause."

Section 509 provides: "(I) A local education authority shall make such arrangements for the provision of transport and otherwise as they consider necessary, or as the secretary of state may direct, for the purpose of facilitating the education — (a) at schools. . . ".

Miss Elizabeth Appleby. QC and Mr Clive Rawlings for the applicant; Mr Nigel Giffin for the

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said the

relating to a severely dyslexic boy aged 10 had provided that he uld attend as a weekly boarder at a specified school on the Kent coast, the mother to be responsible for transport to and from the

school at her own expense. The local authority had opposed the statement on the basis that any of three mainstream schools in Havering was adequate for the

The mother eventually found it impossible to comply with the transport requirement and called on the local authority to make provision instead. The local authority declined to provide the boy with transport, on the basis that the statement explicitly made the mother responsible

The mother took the issue to the school attendance panel which decided that the council had no section 3245) or under sections 44 and 500 of the Education Act 1996 since the boy could be accom-modated in local schools. The panel had refused to make a

discretionary grant of free trans-port or a contribution to the cost of transport and the mother had sought judicial review of that

In his Lordship's judgment, the choice by the special educational

needs tribunal of the specified school was not predicated, dependent or conditional on the mother's providing transport so that the statement of special educational needs was not undone by the mother's inability to do so.

The mother had been accorded a roper opportunity to put her side of the case to the attendance panel Ithough she had not been allowed to be present.

The term "unavoidable cause" in section 444(7) of the 1996 Act was capable of including want of transport. However, the mother's not amount in law to an "unavoidable caruse" so as to make it incumbent on the council to consider it necessary to provide transport under section 509(I) of the 1996 Act, since it affected the child only secondarily.

The school attendance panel had taken its decision on the basis that the child could and should be at one of the three mainstream schools in Havering. It had no right to do so, and since its conclusion was based on extraneous considerations it should be quashed and the decision retaken. Solicitors: Ashok Patel & Co. Balham: Mr Michael J. Tink.

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Council, Ex parte Pothecary Before Lord Justice Simon Brown. Lord Justice Schiemann and Lord Justice Robert Walker [Judgment October 28]

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Whether or not a development was in accordance with local planning policy for the purposes of section 54A of the Town and Country ning Act 1990, as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, was a matter for the local planning authority and not a question of law for the court on

Furthermore, a planning authority was entitled to consider the likelihood of enforcement action at the time when an application for retrospective planning permission for a building erected without planning permission was before it and to take into account the building as a point in favour of granting permission.

The Court of Appeal so stated, inter alia, allowing an appeal by the local planning authority, Leominster District Council, from the decision of Mr Malcolm Spence, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Diion on January 16, 1997, whereby he granted an application for judicial review by Patricia Pothecary and quashed the authority's decision to grant retrospective planning permission for a winter lambing shed on a neighbouring

property.

The applicant lived at Longford House. Bordering on the curtilage of the house was Mousenatch Farm. Both properties were within the Kingsland Conservation Area. The operations at the farm included sheep farming.
In 1995 a livestock shed made of

steel and wood was erected without planning permission close to the boundary of Longford House with its long side running approxi-mately parallel with the curtilage boundary and between 10 and 20 metres from it.

Furthermore, a concrete apron around the shed was laid which abutted the curtilage of the applicant's land, the back garden of Longford House. The authority did not serve an enforcement notice but invited an application for retrospective planning consent for its retention. The authority granted permission on condition that the shed was to be used for winter lambing only and that it was not to be used for any other numnse whatever without the written consent of the authority.

Section 54A provides: Where, in making any determination under ning Acts, regard was to be had to the development plan, the determination shall be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate

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Regina v Leominster District authority. Mr Ian Dove for the

SCHIEMANN said that the applicant's case was, inter alia, that the authority when deciding to grant permission gave weight to a factor to which it was not entitled to give weight, namely that the lambing shed had already been

In Edinburgh City Council v Secretary of State for Scotland (The Times October 31, 1997), a case concerned with the Scottis equivalent of section 54A, Loro Clyde discussed the impact of section 54A on the duties of the planning authority and what the approach of the court ought to be on any judicial review application. What Lord Clyde said, in his Lordship's judgment, represented the law of England as well as that

Lord Clyde had said: "The section has not touched the well stablished distinction in principle between those matters which are the decision maker and those matters in which the court can properly intervene. It has introduced a requirement with which the decision maker must comply namely the recognition of the priority to be given to the development plan.

"It had thus introduced a poten tial ground on which the decision maker could be faulted were he to fail to give effect to that require ment. But beyond that it still leaves the assessment of the facts and the weighing of the considerations in hands of the decision maker. It was for him to assess the relative weight to be given to all the material considerations. . .

Was the council entitled to have lambing shed? The court was told that there was no authority on the deal with it, in view of his finding that the grant of permiss illegal on the ground of irrational ity, and did not do so.It was common ground that the planning committee took into account the existence of the unlawfully erected shed in its present site as a point in

lavour of granting permis Mr Dove submitted that the effect of that was to give an advantage to a person who had acted, consciously or unconsciously, in defiance of planthe law. The policy of the law should be to discourage that. In broad terms his Lordship agreed. The court had stated as much in many cases touching illegal nieranis.

the authority erred in law in giving the existence of the unlawfully erected shed any weight whatso-ever in favour of the grant of planning permission for its retention. His Lordship disagreed for the following reasons.

Enforcing local planning policy

The essential question for the authority in the present case was given that winter lambing on the site is a permissible activity, is the actual and potential increase in adverse effects on Longford House resulting from the conditional permission which we are minded to grant such that we ought to

The background to a consideration of that question was to compare what would happen if permission were granted, with what would happen if permission

The planning advantages flow-ing from a grant of permission would be that if the activity was not confined to a specific part of the year and specific animals, enforceent action for breach of condition could be taken against it.

A significant, although not the only, disadvantage of the grant of permission would be that the shed itself could not be the subject of enforcement action. If, however, the shed were going to be allowed to remain there any how even if permission were refused then that disadvantage inherent in any grant of planning permission. would disappear.

So it was relevant for the authority to ask: "Are we of the view that it is expedient that the existing shed be pulled down?" The question was phrased that way because the only presently relevant way that the authority could secure the pulling down of the shed was

His Lordship therefore rejected the submission that a planning authority was never entitled to consider the likelihood of enforcement action at the time when the application for retrospective plan-ning permission for a building mission was before it.

It was not rare that buildings were put up without the approobjection at all. Sometimes there was an insuperable objection. There were many situations between the two ends of a continuum.

times there was no planning

There were situations where the authority would not have given permission for the development if asked for permission for precisely that which had been built, but the development was not so objec-tionable that it was reasonable to

To require that would be a disproportionate sanction for the breach of the law concerned. Th: was why Parliament had imposed

the requirement of expediency. What weight the authority gave to the existence of the building was a matter for the authority. There identified by Mr Dove for not giving much weight to the exisence of a building put up without the necessary planning permission but those would not prevail in every case, only in some.

His Lordship accepted that an authority might say that it was resently inexpedient to issue an aforcement notice but it wanted to keep its options open and see ho

In such a case the existence of the building could hardly weigh in favour of the applicant for retrospective planning permission for to grant it would result in the authority no longer keeping us options open.

However, there could equally be cases where the authority could say that, while it would not have granted the permission for that precise building there, it was not expedient to require it to be pulled Circumstances infinitely. Lord Justice Robert Walker and

Lord Justice Simon Brown gave judgments agreeing with Lord Justice Schiemann. Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard; Daniels Ferraby & Co,

### Specifying nuisance

Lowe and Another v South Somerset District Council Although abatement notices

should set out the act constituting ment that such a notice should specify whether the nuisance was one prejudicial to public health or was common law nuisance.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Henry and Mr. Justice Gage) so held on July 7 in refusing the application of John Lowe and Sandra Lowe for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash a nonice issued by South Somerset District Council under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 which required them to abate the crowing of cockerels and the chorus of waterfowl at their smallholding. MR JUSTICE GAGE said that

the applicants submitted that the section 80 abatement notice specifying statutory nuisance was to go further and say which of two types of nuisance were alleged.

Section 79(1)(g) distinguished be-tween two different types of nuisance. The first was nuisance prejudicial to public health and the

His Lordship preferred the council's submission that the point was cretered by statute. What was important was that the acts of

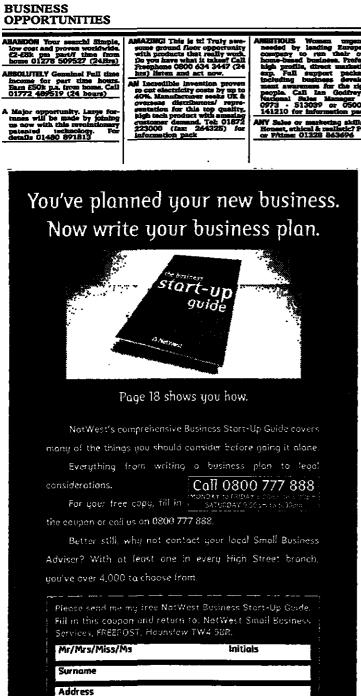
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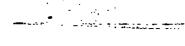
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A campaign to persuade small businesses that profits can be improved by protecting the envi-ronment is being launched in London today. The World Wide Fund for Nature and NatWest Bank have developed the Better Business Pack, giving practical guidance on green issues. The organisers claim that the UK's small and medium-size businesses can cut out nearly nine million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year while making a saving of more than \$1.5 million. The four key areas are waste, utilities, transport and the supply chain. Summaries and a quick-start guide are available from WWF-UK on 01483 412487. For the complete pack costing £55 call 01753 643104.

About 43 per cent of small business owners have not considered who will succeed them on their death or retirement, says a survey conducted for Business Pages among 500 companies with annual turnovers below £5 million. Almost all said day-to-day issues and survival took precedence over planning. A checklist prepared by Business Pages and the Federation of Small Businesses includes advice on planning early.

☐ Barclays Bank has this week popened a treasury centre in Paris to provide medium-sized firms with access to financial markets. Exporters to Europe will be offered advice on interest-rate and exchange-rate risks. The bank has already set up regional treasury centres in Britain - at Reading for the South, Coventry for the Midlands and Wales. Manchester for the North and Scotland, and in London.

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# Brewery venture goes flat for marketing whiz-kid

Mark Andrews

on a business

idea that failed to terment in UK

ON A business trip to Toronto. Toby Mynott, a marketing whiz-kid, picked up what he thought was a great, money-making idea. He had seen crowds flocking to a micro-brewery offering advice and facilities to Canadians to brew their own brand of beer. A do-it-yourself brewery where the beer was cheap,

tasty and a bit of a novelty.

Home in Canterbury, he found ideal premises in a back street, put in £55,000 of his own money — all he had - and raised a few more thousand from professional investors and venture capitalists.

It was not going to make him a fortune, but he was in business. The Great Stour Brewery was born. Mr Mynott, 37, said: "It was working well in Canada and I saw no reason why it shouldn't work here". In February 1996 he was up and

running. The feedback from earlier customers was very positive and he quickly built up a faithful follow-ing. "Although we had thousands of inquiries in those early weeks they didn't turn into business.

Less than 12 months after he started brewing, the business was wound up with losses all round. So, what went wrong? Just about everything, it seems. A good idea in North America does not automatically transfer successfully to Europe. Mr Mynott says the quality of the beer

Toby Mynott put in £55,000 of his own money but saw the business wound up within 12 months brewed was not an issue, but overheads were much higher than had been anticipated and income was lower. "I remember one of the venture capitalists saying to me: Toby, you'll know within three

had a crisis board meeting. We looked at the figures, decided it hadn't worked, and began the process of winding up the company. It was as quick as that." Mr Mynott, now working successfully as a consultant, has this advice

for those who want to strike out on

their own. There's no golden rule,

months whether or not it will

work.' He was absolutely right. We

but talk to plenty of people about your ideas. Some will be critical, others constructive. Some will be interested and give you realistic feedback. But the decision is yours - and you can't vacillate.

"I'm not bitter about what happened, but I did feel battered. It shakes one's confidence and I'm not quite as bouncy as I once was. 1 didn't feel humiliated, just an immense sadness and tiredness when I left the brewery for the last

Would I do it again? Not if I knew the result was going to be disaster. I enjoyed the experience, but looking back there was an element of not being fully prepared. Having a good idea is not enough. I made basic mistakes. For a start Canterbury is less than 30 miles from cheap Calais booze. So there's not much incentive to brew your own.

"If it had been up North, Liver-pool, Sunderland or Manchester, where they take their beer and money seriously, I think I would have stood a good chance. But being good at marketing is not enough - you need a financial manager, who's pragmatic, non-optimistic and looks purely at the financial picture.

nesses in touch with more than 50 charities. Mr Jewson said: "Our company is the first of its kind, a one-stop shop, saving time and money for charities." ☐ Late payment of grants and

other funds is undermining charities, says research by the Charities Aid Foundation and NatWest. It finds that 25 per cent of charities have limited access - or none at man operation at Wacton, near all - to specialised financial skills.

## Record number of overseas exhibitors at inventions fair

By Clare Stewart

AN ATOMIC motor, a doorstep anti-flood device and easy-fit snowchains for car tyres are among 200 new products being shown at the London International Inventions Fair, which runs from November 27 to 30 at the Barbican Exhibition Centre.

Together with UK inventors, the fair, the organisers say, will also include the largest number yet of overseas entrepreneurs coming to London to find development finance and marketing partners.

Several Polish universities will be represented, demonstrating new

ments. There will also be inventors from South Africa, the US, Den-mark, Finland and Italy. Among the UK inventors is

John Gilbert, who is showing his patented fibre-optic viewing system. Mr Gilbert says it is a low-cost and versatile system, with applications from security systems and monitoring to use within vehicles to improve allround visibility, especially when parking or manoguvring.

The wide range of products and ideas on show includes a lightweight electrically powered vehicle; a miniaturised solar battery unit, a cheaper and greener alternative to conventional batteries; leisure products such as new board games; an adjustable wind turbine and,

among the diverse selection from Poland, a new type of bullet-proof and knife-proof vest. David Melton, managing direc-

tor of Sterling Safety, who has developed a number of successful fire-detection products, is a regular exhibitor at the fair and says such events provide a wonderful platform" for inventors who, all too often, are dismissed as "loonies working in garden sheds". Mr Melton says that exhibiting

can bring useful contacts and much valuable advice as well as constructive criticism. Kane Kramer launched his new

product at the fair held in March. Since then it has taken off dramatically. His company. Metal Paint, created a water-based paint that uses powdered metal to give a range of hardwearing metal finishes when applied to surfaces ranging from plastic to concrete. The product won the top innova-

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tion award at the show and now,

eight months later, is being distributed in 30 countries. Mr Kramer says that the success of the paint since March has been 'unbelievable".

The fair is being run in conjunction with the International Business Opportunities Exhibition. There are also workshops offering advice on patenting and developing and financing new product ideas. For further details, call Sphinx Exhibitions on 01202 762252.

#### Start-ups at highest for seven years

By Rodney Hobson

BUSINESS start-ups are running at a seven-year high, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales says. The total is 11.5 per cent up on a year ago.

The institute's figures, covering the first half of 1997, also showed that business failures were down 12 per cent to their lowest level since 1990.

However, the institute fears that growth and development among smaller companies could be jeopardised because most have no clear strategy, no written business plan and no set growth targets.

Richard Longley, chairman of the institute's enterprise group, says: The feel-good factor is very apparent among small amd medium companies, not least due to the positive political mood. Equally evident, however, is the concern among chartered accountants who advise these businesses that many of them are embarking on their expedition into the commercial arena without a map or even a clear destination in mind."

Mr Longley says that the sup-port network is "unclear", with the role of government and other official bodies not communicated or explained.

The intended co-ordinating role of Business Links "is not yet fully established" and many small businesses express reservations about using support agencies even when they are aware of them, he adds.

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Charities was created in 1992 to put professional services businesses in touch with voluntary groups, which are often run with good intentions but scant knowledge of finance, the law and other aspects "I have tried to acquire a panel of specialists, many of them experts in their field, to provide something of value to charities." One particularly useful service

is given by the Cost Reduction Partnership, a small business that seeks the lowest prices for supplies. The Jewson consultancy service is free to the charities. The professional businesses charge the

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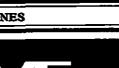
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## Western aisles

**MUSIC:** A gala on Saturday inaugurated the £5.7 million Hall for Cornwall. a project that has converted the i50-year-old shell of the old City Hall in Truro into a 1.000-seat performing space: concert hall, rock venue and theatre rolled into one. Built with funds from the lottery. Europe, and local donations, the hall will offer mixed fare: the opening concert was a classical affair conducted by Sir David Willcocks, but future attractions range from the Rambert Dance Company and English Touring Opera to the Band of the Coldstream Guards and Danny La Rue.

**SCULPTURE:** Those old copies of Punch may be banished from waiting rooms for ever, if dentists follow the example of Edinburgh's new Dental Institute. Opened last Thursday at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, the Institute has commissioned four installation artists to brighten up patients' visits. Stephen Skrynka, for instance, has created a wall from transparencies of popcorn which are described as "teasingly reminiscent of teeth", while Anita Wohlen has embedded bite marks (taken from institute staff and the general public) into walls, and added "steel cutouts, reminiscent of fillings" into a "gum-pink rubber floor". For this the Scottish Arts Council paid £118,000 of lottery money. Whether the installations soothe patients' nerves or set their teeth on edge remains to be seen.

■ THEATRE: The Old Vic has been temporarily reprieved - for a laugh. Instead of going dark on December 6 when the Peter Hail Company's season comes to a close, the theatre - which has been put up for sale by its Canadian owners Ed and David Mirvish - will stay open until January 3, as the Russian clown Slava Polunin plays a three-week Christmas season with his company. West End insiders see the booking as a hopeful sign that the Mirvishes will not sell the

MUSEUMS: After 26 years in Burlington Gardens off Piccadilly, the Museum of Mankind is to close on December 31. That will allow the British Museum's Department of Ethnography, which runs the place, to pack up the 300,000 items ready for their return to the main BM site in Bloomsbury, where new permanent galleries are being prepared.

# Mary not so contrary

t is not only the Spice Girls who get booed offstage. It happened to Mary J. Blige the first time she played London. But that was four years and several million album sales ago and, while the self-styled "queen of hip hop soul" re-mains a famously petulant interviewee, her stage manner at Wembley Arena on Saturday was little short of gushing. Thank you London for all your support," she said. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you."

In truth, the moments when she could have said anything more were few and far between. From the minute Blige came marching on stage amid a fusillade of exploding fireworks, wearing little more than a dark blue corset, kneelength hoors and wraparound shades, there was scarcely a pause in this tightly scripted rollercoaster of a show

Songs were telescoped one into another, giving that vaguely unsettling impression, endemic to the soul revue format, that the performers could never quite be bothered to get to the end of anything. And during Blige's frequent costume changes, the baton was immediately picked up by either her trio of backing singers or an energetic MČ who exhorted us all to get out and buy Blige's current alburn, while hurling copies of it into the front rows.

Subtlety, then, is not Blige's forte. With a Manhattan skyline as the backdrop, she and her four ever-present dancers

Mary J. Blige Wembley Arena

ing sticks and waltzed up and down a flight of steps as if in a Broadway musical during I'm Goin' Down. To signal the softer mood of Everything she changed into a white jumpsuit and sang the song literally up to her neck in dry ice. Yet despite all the glamour

and glitz, Blige retained a

perceptible frisson of street credibility. While most black artists have lost touch with their original core audience by the time they are mainstream enough to play a venue as big as Wembley. Blige's crowd was still 50 per cent black. The mixture of hip hop, swingbeat and lunk rhythms which underpinned numbers such as Reminisce and Love is all We Need gave her music a strong contemporary urban feel And, most importantly, Blige's voice retained the throaty, frayed-at-the-edges quality and gospel singer's range which has earned her all those flattering comparisons with the queen of (real) soul, Aretha Franklin, no less.

But Franklin also has a repertoire of truly great songs and, while Blige performed with fierce conviction, there was nothing in this set that could muster either the melodic clarity or emotional punch of such classics as Respect or Think or Chain of Fools.

DAVID SINCLAIR

### About the blues

he West African guitarist Ali Farka Toure hails from Timbuktu and is best known for the Grammyaward winning album he made with Ry Cooder, an atmospheric concoction of traditional rhythms, deep blues and glistening guitar work. A legend-ary figure in his native Mali, he is being urged to use his fame and prestige to take up a career as a reforming politician in what remains a deeply traditional society. "Ali was born to lead," Cooder told me, and on stage he is a commanding, charismatic figure.

He gave a compelling per-formance of the African blues, a fascinating lesson in the cross-fertilisation of two cultures, sharing an ancient commonality but ripped asunder by history. The blues of the American delta was born out of the tribal music carried in the slave ships, and Ali combines African roots with an acute awareness of its development in the cotton plantations.

Accompanied only by Oumou Toure on percussion and Hamadoun Boucon on backing vocals, he used the simplest elements to build a hypnotic and mesmerising sound. He began on electric guitar, favouring a fuzzy tone Ali Farka Toure Festival Hall

on a series of high and brittle solos, picking out the simple and insistent bass lines at the same time. The slow blues of Ai Du perfectly illustrated the music's journey as Ali fused John Lee Hooker's metronomic style with passionate African vocals. He switched to an acoustic

guitar for the nimble patterns

Gomni and Amandrai. taken from the Talking Timbuktu album he made with Cooder. rhythmically sparse yet polished until they sparkled. He sings in a variety of West African languages. includins Poughar and Rampa ra, and spoke to the audience at length in a Creole French which was almost as impenetrable. Yet the vocabulary of his music is universal. Towards the end he switched to the njarka, a one-stringed traditional bowed instrument often described as a West African precursor of the violin, an achingly timeless sound which again spoke of the tribal influences on American blues.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON



Good, but no Aretha Franklin, Mary J. Blige worked her socks off at Wembley Arena

## A subdued artists' procession

IMPROVISATION was in the air on the opening night of the Royal Opera's short stay at the Albert Hall. Nights of the Stars was rebilled as A Gala Evening of Opera, which was just as well because not all the artists originally announced were present.

The young Italian tenor, Fabio Armiliato, due to make his company debut, was a lastminute cancellation. Fortunately José Cura, already well established on the international circuit was on hand and prepared to add to the number of arias he was already scheduled to sing. Appropriately, he took over Andrea Chenier's improvviso from Armiliato and in Giordano's opera provided the most stirring singing of the evening. Cura. bold in his vocal attack and ready to flood the music with emotion,

is a natural in this part. He was also the star, carrying the personality and the volume to take on the wastes of the Albert Hall. He got proceedings off to fine start with Cielo e mar from Gioconda and closed them in equally ringing style with Tu qui, Santuza from Cavalleria. In the latter he was joined by Agnes Baltsa, who proved much more adept as Mascagni's heroine then she had been earlier in the Veil

Song from Don Carlos. Her fellow Greek. Irene Carli, a young soprano, was bold enough to tackle the close of Donizetti's Anna Bolena. There is plenty of promise there, but the voice is hardly of Albert Hall dimensions yet, especially in so taxing a piece.

**OPERA** cavallo's Canio. Opera Gala The evening lacked struc-

Albert Hall The other performers were mainly drawn from the Otello casts Covent Garden is fielding this week and they prowled around the pillars of Timothy O' Brien's set with varying success. Zvetlina Vasileva revealed fine-spun tone in her two arias (Puccini and Cilea), Alexandru Agache

seppe Giacomini had a distinctly unhappy time as Leon-

ture. The procession of artists each doing their piece before exiting was the musical equivalent of a fashion parade. Sometimes the clothes fitted and sometimes they did not. Jacques Delacôte and the ROH Orchestra had a very subdued time, suggesting their minds were on Otello. Luckily Cura was at hand to raise the temperature at

#### rougher edges in his pair (Giordano and Verdi). Giu-JOHN HIGGINS

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#### ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

# **Finnish** fire

veryone knew that, after Sir Colin Davis's revelatory Sibelius with the London Symphony Orchestra five years ago during the Barbican's Tender is the North festival, the cycle would be back before long. It has returned in time to celebrate Finland's 80th year of independence, and as part of the Barbican's Valo festival of Finnish music and the arts which opened on Sunday.

Sir Colin's is indeed huge, celebratory Sibelius forged, it seems, in the very fire of Finland's great mythic blacksmith, Ilmarinen. The First Symphony seems even broader in its tempos, deeper in its resonances than it did in 1992; and the LSO more instinctive and even more enthusiastic in its response to Davis's sentient grading of textures, and his formidable control of pacing. In the face of such full-

hearted performances, anything less than total generosity of spirit in response might seem out of place. And yet. Since that first cycle, those who care deeply about Sibelius will have observed Osmo Vänskā's way with the symphonies, both on disc and with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and will have med

## Blissful union

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New conductors would want to make a speciality of Strauss's Sym-nia Domestica. Even fewer could reasonably hope to make a success of it. Against all the odds Mark Elder has conducted that massive score with two of our leading orchestras in less than three years. And he has twice made a success of it.

The performance with the BBC Philharmonic in Bridgewater Hall was even better than the one with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. It was not a matter of the respective qualities of the two orchestras: both of them can make a virtuoso job of a scoring like this. The difference on this occasion was that the structure was so much more convincing, with no fall-

As much as half a concert contained in one continuous

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ing-away at the end.

continuing clear-sighted wisdom. Vānskā, in particular,
has shown that the composer's nas snown that the composer's metronome markings in the first movement of the First Symphony are both viable and exciting. After Andrew Marriner's matchless opening clarinet solo on Sunday night, the great tremulous upbeat into the Allegro energico simply did not thrill as it can in a tauter performance.

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Speed alone, of course, is not all. What distinguishes Davis's Sibelius is the thinking behind the tempo. And he brings to this symphony the full weight of Tchaikovskian recollection: Sibelius, after all, was deeply moved by a Helsinki performance of the Pathétique just a year before he wrote his own First Sym-phony. But this is not Tchai-kovsky. In the very making of his music - in its inexorable organic growth, its tonal amvalence, in the tough outworking of its static and dynamic principles - Sibelius seems to brace himself against life. And when a conductor braces himself against the music, we perhaps come closest to the heart of Sibelius.

This was nevertheless quite some evening, after quite some day. Since 10am the LSO had held a Sibelius Discovery Day. When that ended, the Valo festival was opened with a fanfare for brass, wind and percussion by the Finnish composer Kimmo Hakola And finally, Sibelius's Second Symphony surged forward, with the successive climaxes of its finale made all the more powerful by the biting string articulation which fired them.

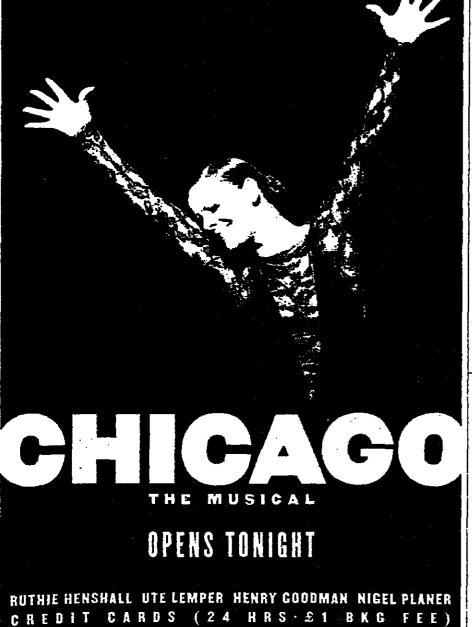
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movement (though conceived in three clearly defined sec-tions), the Symphonia Domes-tica requires long-term think-ing and a sustained effort in concentration. At the same time it is packed with the most extravagantly picturesque de-tail which is so brilliantly done that there is a constant danger of being tempted away from structural virtue. While retaining both the baby and the bath water, Mark Elder concentrated on characterisation where he was assisted by a particularly eloquent solo violin, an expressive oboe d'amore and an heroic trumpet - on

the fundamental emotional inspiration and on the prolonged celebration of domestic happiness at the end. As on the Birmingham occa-

sion. Elder introduced the Symphonia Domestica with a romantic overture and a Beet-.hoven Concerto. Out of its context, the prejude to the last act of Humperdinck's Königskinder made little sense. The performance of Beethoven's Plano Concerto in G made very much more sense, in spite of the shallow-sounding piano on which it was played. Alfredo Perl's interpretation is, as yet, incomplete but it is an uncommon achievement.

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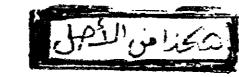


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# Airy-fairy art of the Victorians

Richard Cork finds drug-fuelled fantasies and

shameless exuberance on show at the Royal Academy

an equivalent of a designer drug, the artist lapses into a hallucinatory dream. Around his head, lolling on a plush crimson cushion, a gaggle of Bosch-like hobgoblins prance and leer. One grotesque elf offers him a potion foaming with vapours. But the painter has no need of further cocktails. He is lost in a world of feverish fantasies, and the garlanded fairy at their centre looks at him with an indulgent, enticing smile.

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John Anster Fitzgerald, who portrayed himself in this small yet turbulent picture, made fairy painting his forte. But he was far from alone in depict-ing the supernatural. By 1857, when The Artist's Dream was executed, the occult had become a Victorian craze. Reacting against industrialisation, Darwinism and other modern horrors, a surprising number of laudanum-drowsy painters found solace in fairyland. The Royal Academy has brought together their intoxicated offerings in a Sackler Wing exhibition. Ridiculed for much of the present century, they now threaten to become a finde-siècle fad for anyone recoiling from the grimmer realities of our own age.

But we should be careful to discriminate between the magical and the meretricious. Shakespeare, who was instrumental in creating an appetite for midsummer madness, spawned an alarming diversity of images. At their best, they can boast an achievement as sublime as Turner's Queen Mab's Cave. Dissolving in a haze of sunset light, the cave itself is even harder to discern than the classical ruins halanced so precariously on the rocky heights above. But the overall aura is mysterious enough, and Turner has the asaom to stop short c his fairies over-specific form.

ost of them remain mercifully indistinct, unlike the figures. in other paintings on the same wall. On one side, William B. Essex's Puck pays dim-witted homage to a Reynolds picture of the same subject. He turns Shakespeare's imp into an irritating child who, with his coy grin and elongated ears. waves at us in a rush of selfagisfaction. On the other side, Theodore van Holst becomes still more simpering. His Fairy Lovers trip through a moonlit glade. Their embrace is cloying. Only the female's winged headdress introduces a more acerbic note, threatening to dislodge the absurd, overblown flower teetering on

the man's head. Some of the most celebrated 19th-century artists were not suited to fairy matters. When Landseer turned his attention away from The Stag at Bay

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and The Monarch of the Glen, he tried hard to paint A Midsummer Night's Dream with conviction. After all, he had been invited to contribute a Shakespearean decoration to the dining room of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's London house. But Landseer's Titania looks far too like a plump Victorian model, and he handles Bottom's ass-head with painfully dogged naturalism.

Brunel would have been better advised to plump for Sir Joseph Noel Paton's response to the same play. His The Reconciliation of Oberon and Titania is a precocious showpiece. Painted when he was: only 20, it sets the reunited lovers in a wood teeming with nimble, sex-hungry sprites. Whether suspended in space with lyre and pines, entwined in athletic dalliance or turnbling in an ecstatic loop of winged energy above Bottom's slumped body, they prove just how liberated Paton felt dur-

> **6** Lovers set in a wood teeming with nimble, sex-hungry sprites 9

ing his excursion into irrationality. In 1847 he entered the painting for a fresco competition in Westminster Hall, and won a £300 prize. When Paton exhibited in his native Scotland a pendant painting, of Oberon and Titania's quarrel, Lewis Carroll was so enrap-tured that he took the trouble to count 165 fairies among its trolicking hordes.

must have helped John Anster Fitzgerald to break away from the stiffness of his early genre scenes. But Fitzgerald went further, jettisoning Paton's de-pendence on Shakespeare in favour of his own unfettered fancies. His most shameless extravanganza encloses seductive fairies in an upended bird's nest. Its writhing, tortuous forms are echoed by the painting's frame, which sprouts a delirious tangle of three-dimensional twigs. They twist around the picture in an orgy of wriggles, and imply that intimate contact with the figures inside the canvas

might be perilous.
The warning is apt. For Fitzgerald has concocted a macabre assortment of freaks for his bosky setting. Some hover like predatory bats over the foliage, while others plot, struggle, smirk and bare the spikes projecting from their scaly skin. The debt to Bosch is proclaimed quite openly in the foreground, where a horned

monster clutches a broken egg as it hatches another naked fiend. But Fitzgerald's overheated imagination looks forward as well, amicipating the

even more bizarre forest scenes painted by Max Ernst. Even so, Fitzgerald seems inconsequential compared with "mad" Richard Dadd. He is by far the most outstanding artist in the show. And the fact that his masternieces were painted in the criminal lunatic makes them even more astonishing. Dadd was incarcerated there in 1844, having killed his father in a notorious and was never again able to purhowever, encouraged to occupy themselves with reading, chess and handicrafts, and Dadd would certainly have been helped to resume painting as soon as he wanted to take it up once more. Dr Monro, the physician super-vising him, had inherited from his celebrated father a collection of watercolours by Girtin, Turner and other members of the so-called "Monro School". He probably urged Dadd to start working again, and a photograph taken around 1856 shows him working on one of his greatest paintings, Contradiction: Oberon and Titania.

¶he thin brush held so delicately between his thumb and index fin--ger testifies to the meticulousness with which he was able to work, loading each millimetre of his picture-surface with an abundance of microscopic detail. Although the proliferating minutiae are the result of an obsessive concern that may be symptomatic of his insanity, they also prove that Dadd's unsteady brain was allied to an excephand. The amount of superb work he produced during his 40 years in asylums bears witness to an overriding spirirual need. However depressing his outward circumstances and inner turmoil may have become, he held on to his imaginative vision as tenaciously as a shipwreck victim grasping the flotsam that

keeps him alive. Nobody can doubt the seriousness of Dadd's aims in Contradiction. The main characters stare at each other as if in a trance, and their uncanny stillness is echoed by everyone else in this exquisitely organised canvas. Shaped into an egg-like oval, it teems with eye-straining detail. The flora and fauna all seem the product of intense first-hand observation: But Dadd had no access to the outside world, so the butterflies, petals and figures alike all had to be painted from his prodigious memory.

After Contradiction was completed in 1858, fairy paint-



Arthur Rackham's snappily titled The Serpentine is a lovely lake and there is a Drowning Forest at the bottom of it

ing continued in Britain for another half-century. Arthur Rackham and others ensured that it invaded children's book illustration, enchanting nursery readers with heady image: of delight in the dells. It could not, however, survive the ad-The last picture on view here, Estella Canziani's The Piper of Dreams, was begun in the spring of 1914. By the time she exhibited it at the Royal Academy the following year, the boy playing his instrument in the fog-bound wood must have taken on a quite different meaning. He looks, with hind-sight, like the bereft child of a father who has enlisted for battle, and the stripped trees behind him eerily resemble the landscape of the killing fields over in France. Reproductions of Canziani's picture became a favourite among the frontline troops, selling more than 250,000 copies in the first year alone. But the fairyland dream could not be sustained for long in the nightmare of machine-age obliteration, cutting down the young men who

paradise. ● Victorian Fairy Painting at the Royal Academy (0171-300 8000)

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#### CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

#### MUSSORGSKY'S BORIS GODUNOV Reviewed by David Nice

MUSSORGSKY'S masterpiece has had an even more chequered career than the play on which it is based. Alexander Pushkin's Shakespearean chronicle was written in 1825 but only reached the stage in 1870, long after the poet's death. The opera's premiere took place four years later, by which time Mussorgsky had expanded and partly recomposed his sevenscené original. His well-meaning colleague Rimsky-Korsakov twice overhauled the work for more conventional operatic tastes.

The spectrum of currently available recordings is divided fairly equally between what one scholar has described as the "supersaturated Boris" David Lloyd-Jones's edition welding together as much music as possible from the composer's 1869 and 1874 scores, and Rimsky-Korsa-

kov's sanitised version. Herbert von Karajan on Decca wades through Rimsky's thickened textures as if through treacle, but provides a iewelled setting for the sumptuous utterances of Nicolai Ghiaurov's tsar.

Ghiaurov is part of a tradi-

tion that puts Boris in the melodramatic limelight — a tradition promoted by the charismatic Ct aliapin and taken up by Boris Christoff. Singing not just Boris in two EMI recordings but also the roguish Varlaam and the chronicler-monk Pimen, Christoff can be quietly eloquent as Pimen but follows Chaliapin in raging, not singing, his way through Boris's guilty hallucinations. He is better sampled in tandem with conductor André Cluytens's

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#### OTHER **EXHIBITIONS**

☐ RECENTLY commissioned by BAA, the airports authority, for the Flight Connections Centre at Heathrow, Julian Opie's Imagine You're Moving is now open. Two lung light-boxes project a simple layering of apparently continuous computer-generated landscape, from dark green foreground through light green-blue hills to clouds, above an army of green bucket chairs. Up an escalator on the next floor, the same image, but without clouds, is shown on four viewing monitors. The images are redolent of those printed on the Formica of modern railway carriages. As well as finding out how delayed or late your plane may be, it is possible to catch a computer-game "ride" swooping around emblematic oak trees. Opie's piece, a seamless logo, is disconcerting in that it appears always to have been

Heathrow Flight Connections Centre (0181-745 4491)

☐THE FRENCH painter Bernard Frize projects an apparently free-flowing movement of paint across a specially treated canvas to produce an image that is light, slippery and luxurious. The waxed surface allows him to create a sense of uncontrolled speed: the effect is somewhat like drifting sand, a fluid massing of movement and light. Downstairs, a singular arabesque of strangely merged colour loops backwards and forwards across the canvas of a large painting, illustrating the unquestioning, matter-of-fact confidence which Frize brings to his work. Frith Street Gallery, 59-60 Frith Street, WIV 5TA (0171-

494 1550) until Dec 20 ☐ IN THIS exhibition of work by Yuko Shiraishi, Juxtapositions, the four large, abstract paintings in the back gallery are part of an ongoing series and perhaps more familiar examples of the artist's work. The effect of each - three blue stripes dragged across red underpainting - is both visually engaging yet some-how dry and awkward. In the front gallery, small paintings sunk into the wall provide a seamless expanse of wall and canvas, while across the gallery, their equivalent in colour and composition protrudes from the wall in three-dimensional boxes. This combina-

tion suggests a back-to-front, inside-out view of the possible space within a painting. Annely Juda Fine Art, 23 Dering Street, WIR 9AA (0171-629 7578) until Dec 19

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Ruggero Raimondi as the tsar.

but his Washington forces are

insufficiently gritty. Ideally rugged choral singing and

playing are certainly to be found on Claudio Abbado's

Berlin-based recording (Sony

Classical S3K 58977, 3CDs,

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of guides to history in music as

Mussorgsky saw it, moment

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☐ AT CAMDEN Arts Centre, Rose Finn Kelcey is exhibiting three separate installations. The long, white gallery features an enormous caricature of a pearly gate, standing ajar, and a number of blownup rubber corn sacks. Yet the scene is far removed from rurality and its elements seem like hugely blown-up parts of a children's board game. The floor across the hall is deep in straw, with bales piled so high as to produce a suffocating feeling in the viewer, without producing any sense of involvement in an "adventure". The third piece, displayed at an angle, is a closely tufted pink carpet holding a blown-up image of a Vatican Air Mail stamp. Rose Finn-Kelcey Camden

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## <u>LON</u>DON CHICAGO Reinsed version of the celebrated kander & Ebb musical directed by Walter Bobbe A multi-Tony winner on Broadway last year Staming Ruthie Henshall, Ute Lemper, Henry Goodman and Nigel Plane. Adelphil, Strand, London WC2 (0171-344 0055). Opens Jonisht, 7pm. Then Mars CS1 Rein motif West and Sal

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SIBELIUS MINIATURES: Joseph Swensen conducts the Scottist Chamber Orchestra in a repeat of the all-Sabelius programme performed in Edinburgh last Thursday, with the addition of The Countess's Portrait This addition of the Countess's Portrait in the evening of small-scale pieces adds an extra dimension to the LSO's current Spelus cycle here which locuses on the composer's major works.

Barbleam, Silk Street, ECt (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm.

OTELLO: Second night and a new cast for the Royal Opera's production of Verdi s tragedy of jealousy and obsession. Geuseppe Geogram makes his I andon debut in the little role, with a company debut for Bulgarian soprano Systelina Vassileva as Desdemona. Eligin Mostensky directs a specially adapted arena performance of his Covent Garden production. Jacques Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-599 8212) Tonight 7 30pm (§)

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KING LEAR, Alan Howard in the each with water a restraint as Corde and Greg Hicks as Edmand in Peter Hall's new production Old Vic Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7618), Tonight, 7 30pm, in rep ☐ A LETTER OF RESIGNATION Edward For and Clare Higgins play

**NEW RELEASES** CHASING AMY (18) Comic-took arist finds himself in love with a lesblan Appealing new film from Clarks director kevan Smith, with Ben Alfleck and Joey

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#### TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargle

with a programme leaturing music by Lagrenzi, Marcello, Vivaldi and Caldara. Mith the sourano Loma Anderson Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141), Tonight, 7 30pm [5] ELSEWHERE

NGHAM: In the second half of owningenous in this section half a tenight's concert Sr Smon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham Symphomy Orchestra in Mather's massive Symphomy No 5. This is preceded by the City of Birmingham Symphomy Youth Chor under Smon



Ute Lemper appears in

Haisey performing a new work for youth charus and ensemble by Scottish composer Judith Weir Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm.

COVENTRY: Seven shows here for The Good Weman O' Sharikville, Janet Suzman's production of Brecht's play, onginally set in Schruan but ingenously transposed to South Africa Great performances by the Market Theatre of Unbarriesthurg.
Belgrade, Belgrade Square (01203 553055) Tongin: Thur, 7.30pm, Fn and Sat. Apm. Mark temorous, 2.30pm and Sat. Apm. (2)

ROMEO AND JULIET. Ray Fearon and Zoo Wates in Michael Attendrough's surjustiful successful modern of an englishment modern-day production Swan, Waterside (01789 295623) Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm Opens Thur, 7pm in repertoire LONDON GALLERIES

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Chicago at the Adelphi

Harold Macmillan and Lady Dorothy in Hugh Whitemore's play about the effects of the Profumo scandal. Christopher Morahan directs. Connedy Theatire, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

☐ POPCORN. Ben Blon's blistering uameny about move volence A Tarantinoscipie director gats his come-uppance when a couple of senal killers (Cotey Johnson and Dene Davis) blame him for their misdeeds. Laurence Boswell directs.

Carson Nestean loosely based on the story of Billy Tigton, a woman who passed as a man to find work as a jazz musican. With Liza Sadow, Nim Criswell and Christopher Colcurboun Whitehald Theathe, Whitehall, London SW1 (0171-39) 1735) Mon-Thur, Spm. En and St. Zong and 9 Strem. Fn and Sat. 7cm and 9 30cm.

BELFAST: The undisputed musical nightight of the 1997 Belliest Festival takes place here torught as the renowned planest Alfred Brandel and the resing bonnore Mismithas Gome Jon lorges in a double dose of Schubert: the song cyclo De Winterness, followed by the Plano Sonate in Billat Waterfront Hall, Oxford Street (01232-334456). Tortight, 7 45pm.

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LAST SUMMER IN THE HAMPTONS

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Metro (0171-437 0757) Odeon Camden Town (0181-315 4258)

TRIAL AND ERROR (12): Acta

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steps in for hung-over attorney and defends a traud case. Lame, uncertain comedy, with Michael Richards and Jeff

Daniels Director, Jonathan Lynn ABC Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

THE GAMBLER (15) Intriguing tale

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about Dostoavsky writing his novel The Gambler, with Michael Gambon and

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first full-length play is set in a caravan. Some of the scenes do spill over to the outside of it, when its owner or her two daughters run up to the door in the rain, or if they and their various men are sprawling on the folding chairs to sunbathe, but most of the action is inside what Elizabeth Estensen's Josie

calls "my little palace". Caravans having the dimensions they do, the size of her palace is something less than Versailles, and on the Bush stage less than your less-thanaverage room. The achievements of designers at this theatre are regularly being hailed, to the point at which a play just set in a room might be a disappointment but Bruce Macadie does not disappoint. By cutting the caravan's exterior and interior panels he allows us to see everything that goes on in its main cabin as well as providing glimpses

peared beyond the flush doors. The design is almost a metaphor for Blakeman's creative style. The scenes she gives us are written with a vivid relish for a wide variety of language traits, often very funny in a way that makes you shrink at the daft thoughtprocesses the lines reveal of the speaker. But in a timescale that covers two years in its nine scenes, with up to six

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months flashing past between the scenes, a family split that ends one scene will be patched up by the start of the next. What this suggests is a life of continually unfolding and interconnecting crises, like the soap world of Brookside.

Liverpudiian Josie and her two daughters come to Rhyl for weekend breaks, holidays and honeymoons. There are two men in their lives, each of whom is eventually having relationships with two of the women at the same time, allowing the potential for treachery, heart-searching and outrage to be limitless.

Despite a tendency to keep the mother and her younger daughter stereotypically ignorant of the wider world, the writing shows an engaging freshness and quirky humour, as well as a surefire technique for gripping the attention when the under-age Kim (Samantha Lavelle) lies back on her bunk licking a cornet and her scallywag Mick (Nick Bagnall) spreads mint'n'choc over her before licking it off as the preliminary to sex.

Pip Donaghy, playing a striking docker (a particularly well-observed performance). and Emma Cunliffe, as the older sister, bring with them a serious concern for the facts of



Elizabeth Estensen as Josie, owner of the eponymous caravan in Helen Blakeman's play

life outside the flow of shifting alliances, and the integration of this into the structure of the play (Mick becomes a scab) is

even more significant than the attractive production by Gemeasy dialogue for Blakeman's playwriting future. These are five good performances in an

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mode of behaviour or set of beliefs. What kept Rocky Horror running year after year was the real feeling of malice and sexual threat which existed beyond the naughty underwear and platform heels. Much as the Saucy Jack company ogle each other with unconvincing lasciviousness, and brandish weapons of destruction, this is cash-in camp and about as subversive as a lava lamo.

At times she is so filthy that the ubject-matter verges on the educational. The real moments of glory were her flights of literary fantasy. In "Skinny Wee Dalek", an episode of Dr Who as scripted by Irvine Welsh, the heroine gets threatened with extermination while she tries to cash her Giro, and complains about the lack of needle exchange on Ursa Minor. Beyond the rolling eyes, flounce and melodrama Chloe's poems always hold a more serious punch and provide an effective lesson to those who use camp humour as marketable froth.

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His play consists of three mono-logues spoken in a Pittsburgh funeral parlour, first by its director, then by the granddaughter of a person passing through, and finally by an astonished widow. There is no overlap of story except in the references to peripheral characters and to the Green Mill Luncheonette to which all three speakers resort at time of stress.

Sandra Field's design cleverly reproduces the emphatically symmetrical look of these places, ironically sometimes categorised as resembling a stage set: the sombre bands of curtaining, the gilded sofa, the explosion of HETTIE JUDAH white flowers. Against this setting Emil in Tell Tale confesses his unex-

who makes good use of the public viewings to make business contacts. This tale is the least successful of the three, in great part because the author

does not give us enough of Emil's past. Delaying the mention of important facts is OK, but restricting the account almost entirely to present time thins the character. Robert Jezek achieves a lot with his pale smiles and one brief outburst of rage. The past bears powerfully upon

Karen Ascoe's Mac in The Thief of Tears. For reasons that gradually emerge she has become a proficient corpse-robber and demonstrates how one can bend over the dear departed peck her tenderly on each cheek and straighten up with a brace of ruby earrings in the mouth. Ascoe's bright smiles disguise two painful, subtly linked events of long ago, and her performance effectively conveys the tart edge behind dutiful sweetness. Here Hatcher's technique of delayed information is what allows the character to create itself in front of us.

In Thirteen Things about Ed Carpoletti the delay provides a delightfully happy, last-minute twist to his widow's discovery that her wheelerdealer husband is vastly in debt. A spruce Ann Penfold, dazed but unfazed, retraces her journey through the gathering stormelouds of ruin with artful shifts of voice and demeanour. She is tremendously good company too. The able direction of all three plays is by Mark Clements, artistic director of Derby Playhouse, where they were first seen.

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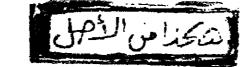
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to go to law and do not qualify for legal aid. Predictably, some will say, the legal profession is already voicing strong concerns. Less predictably, so are consumer

and advice bodies. There is

the "vast majority" of the

population, who cannot afford

widening "no win, no fee" work. But there is a consensus that this should not be done at the same time as withdrawing civil legal aid; it is too soon, critics say, to be sure that "no

win" will plug the gap.

At the heart of the lears of consumer and legal groups is that the insurance market is not ready to step in when the State pulls out. Phillip Syca-more, President of the Law Society, says the changes rest

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Insurance industry reaction

is mixed. Litigation Protection,

Abbey Legal Protection, and

Greystoke Legal Services.

(LawAssist) already provide

cover — some in the medical

Raincock, of Litigation Protec-

tion, admits that there will

have to be "imaginative schemes" developed to ensure

are on the way. One option

would be for the Legal Aid

Board to pay the premiums; another, argued by the Gov-ernment, would be for solic-itors to bear the costs, which

they insist they could ill afford

though, only "surefire" claims

(those with more than a 75 per

cent chance of winning) will

Roger Smith, of the Legal

Action Group — of using "a very blunt instrument" when

it should use a scalpel, and all

for saving £80 million from

Yet there are signs of move-

ment. Lord Irvine is sure that "no win" fees will fill the gap

and give "millions" access to

iustice. He does accept,

though, the need for a hard-

ship fund, and one for "public

interest" cases. "But they

would have to be strong cases.

Any hardship fund would not

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not willing to back with a conditional fee agreement."

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That simply is not the case. Outside personal-injury mainstream work, the insurance industry doubts the market will develop to provide that cover, and has said so." Where premiums do exist, he says, they will be beyond the reach of most people.

A second concern is that in

Fiona Bawdon on two people who might have lost with conditional fees



Two who were awarded damages: Paul Kobryn, above, and June Hancock. Legal aid helped them to win expensive cases

### What about Paul? Too risky today

THE first reaction of Ian Streat, a solicitor, to Lord Irvine's announcements was to ask: "What about people like Paul?" Paul Kobryn was 17 when he was knocked off his bicycle, catastrophically injured, and left paraplegic.
With the help of legal aid and his solicitor, Mr Streat, a partner

at the Southampton-based Warner Goodman & Streat, he won

Mr Kobryn, now 29, believes that the money has transformed his life. "Without it," he says, "I'd still be in an institution." Instead he lives in his own specially adapted home, which includes accommodation for his carers, and he plans to buy a place so he can have more privacy. His 24-hour care means that he can go to social events and has even been able to afford several short holidays.

Cases such as his are notoriously expensive to bring. They usually involve a lot of experts, which means that the disbursements cost a lot. Mr Kobryn could never have have met these costs himself if "no win, no fee" had been the only option. "It's just Mum and me," he adds. "I was only a student."

Mr Streat insists that the case would not have been brought without legal aid. His firm — though, with 12 partners, large for a regional firm — could not have funded it, nor could the

dishursement bill have been reduced in any way.

Mr Kobryn is appalled at the prospect of legal aid being withdrawn. He also believes that it is probably a false economy. Apart from the freedom the award gives him, being financially self-sufficient means that he costs the State nothing.

JUNE HANCOCK'S case has been called "the most important environmental" case of recent years". But, says the solicitor she hired, without legal aid, it would never have been brought. Ms Hancock, who died earlier this year, won £65,000 damages after

developing mysothelioma — an asbestos-related cancer. Her solicitor, Adrian Budgen of the Sheffield-based Irwin Mitchell, says the case extended the manufacturer's duty of care to neighbours of factories, rather than just employees.

The firm could never have brought this case on conditional fees. it would have been too risky; and the costs were dispro-portionate to the amount awarded. Even with a success fee of 100 per cent, the firm would not have been adequately

compensated. Mr Budgen says: "We have a team of nine people and spent close to 4,000 hours on it. And when you think of the experts involved and counsel . .

Nor would the after-the-event insurance limit of £100,000 have covered costs. The case was also made more expensive by the tactics of the defendants, Turner and Newall. In his judgment, Mr Justice Holland accused the company of using any means possible, legitimate or otherwise, so as to wear |the plaintiffi down by attrition".

It is not just the 25 cases subsequently settled that were helped by Ms Hancock's victory. A research fund is being set up in her name, to offer help and support to other sufferers of mysothelioma (2,500 people die from the condition every year). 'And," Mr Budgen says, "it didn't cost the taxpayer a penny."

## War crimes prosecutors

## wanted

THE Government is to canvass the Bar for QCs willing to help to speed up the war crimes trials at The Hague by taking on prosecutions. The offer was made last

week by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, when Judge Louise Arbour, the chief prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the



ing London. Mr Cook said that Britain had a skilled pool of trial lawyers who might be briefed to act on a one-off basis to help to speed up prosecutions pending with the tribunal.

former Yugoslavia, was visit-

hearing, but a total of 77 alleged war criminals have been charged. Mr Cook is keen to help to ensure that those responsible

Twelve trials are awaiting

for war crimes in the Balkans are brought to justice. Britain has become the first country to offer sanctuary to individuals who testify before the tribunal and could be in danger if they return to their homes.

● Lewis Silkin, the West End law firm, is hosting an update seminar on the Internet and email on November 25. It will cover the rules of copyright and other intellectual proper-

## Write yourself a winner

A TOTAL of £6,000 is on offer in this year's Times Law Awards, held with One Essex Court, the chambers of Anthony Grabiner, QC.

There is still time for students to submit articles of no more than 1,000 words on: Privacy and the press: is law the answer? First prize is £3,000, second £2,000 and third, £1,000. Three runnersup will each receive £250. The Human Rights Bili which will pave the way for

courts to create a privacy law — has now been published. Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, has made clear that courts are under a "clear duty" to take up this role. But the first few rulings will be crucial in determining where judges are likely to draw the line.

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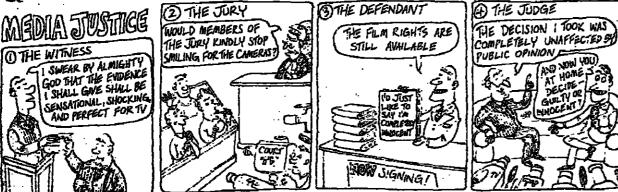
error, Stephanie Trotter's article last week was made to suggest that under the new government offence of corporate killing, company direc-tors would be severely dealt with and, if convicted, fined personally or jailed. Mrs Trotter has asked us to make clear that the point she in fact made is that there is widespread misunderstanding of the Law Commission proposals on which the government offence is based and company directors will not personally face punishment.

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# Why the PCC will still have a role

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will incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. One issue discussed during the second reading debate in the House of Lords on November 3 was the impact of the Bill on privacy. Will the courts grant injunctions to prevent newspapers from publishing true in-

formation the subject wants to keep secret?

Article 8 of the Convention guarantees the right to private life. It recognises that on occasions we all, like Greta Garbo. want to be alone. We are entitled to have our personal thoughts and private actions protected from the telephoto lens and the microphone. But Article 8 is not absolute. It allows for intrusions into private life when this is necessary in a democratic society.

When the intrusion is by the press, Article 10 of the Convention is also relevant. It guarantees freedom of expression. Although, again, this is not an absolute right, but one

that is subject to those exceptions necessary in a democratic society, the European Court has repeatedly emphasised the negligence field. But Brian importance of free speech. It is incumbent on the press to impart information and ideas on matters of public interest" in that people can afford the performance of "its vital role of premiums; and, he says, these public watchdog". What, then, will the English

courts say if, the day after the enactment of the Human Rights Bill a television soap opera star, a relative of the Queen or a backbench MP seeks an injunction to stop a Sunday newspaper from publishing the secrets of their private life? The Bill requires a "public

authority" to comply with the Convention. A newspaper is not a "public authority", but the term is defined to include the courts, so judges must protect the rights of litigants under the Convention. However, the Convention does not require domestic law to establish a right to privacy. In Winer v United Kingdom in 1986, the European Commission of Human Rights concluded that because of the competing right to freedom of expression, it did "not consider that the absence of an actionable right to privacy under English law shows a lack of respect for the applicant's private life".

Our courts will also conclude that, in any event, it is consistent with the Convention for the law to allow the balance between free speech and personal privacy to be deter-mined by public authorities such as the Press Complaints Commission (PCC). Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, explained during the second reading debate that the Government is not introducing a privacy statute because it believes that "strong and effective self-regulation is the best way forward in the interests of both the press and the public". The PCC Code of Practice maintains a fair balance by protecting privacy save where there are competing public interest consider-ations. Applying the principles to specific cases is often a difficult question of subjective judgment. The PCC's latest digest of its decisions reports, for example, on the complaint brought against The Mail on Sunday by Rowan Atkinson's brother, who objected to an article which speculated that he was the model for the comic character Mr Bean. Does the brother have a right to continue living his life in anonymity, or are the origins of a popular fictional character a matter of public interest? The PCC rejected

the complaint. The courts should, and I think will, recognise that other than in the most extreme circumstances, it is consistent with the Convention to leave these difficult questions

of judgment to the relevant specialist body. It is true that the PCC cannot grant complainants an injunction to stop publication. But then the courts themselves will not grant injunctions to stop libels that the publisher intends to justify. Indeed, the European Court has emphasised that prior restraints on publication require "the most careful scrutiny" because "news is a perishable commodity, and to delay its publication, even for a short period, may well deprive it of all its

value and interest".

In dismissing in 1996 an application for judicial review against the PCC brought by the Moors murderer Ian Brady, who was aggrieved by a

picture of him published in The Sun, the Court of Appeal emphasised that it would recognise a very broad discretion for the PCC. Such an approach is entirely consistent with the Convention. When dismissing claims against the United Kingdom in planning cases, the European Court has stated that questions of judgment may properly be left to qualified independent experts, so long as judicial review exists to correct perversity, or errors of law. As Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1803: "It is so

difficult to draw a clear line of separation between the abuse and the wholesome use of the press, that as yet we have found it better to trust the public judgment, rather than the magistrate." Save in extreme cases, the Human Rights Bill will neither qualify nor require our judges to grant injunctions which decide where freedom of expression ends and privacy begins.

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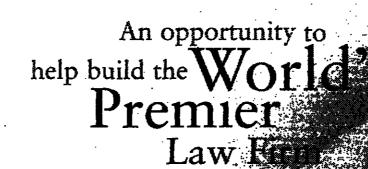
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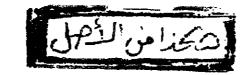
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Promoting change: Lincoln Crawford, chairman of the Bar race relations committee, and Margaret McCabe, organiser of the Women Lawyers' Conference

Frances Gibb reports on the barriers to ethnic minority progress in the profession

# The cement ceiling

are comfortable now with Asian barristers," a chambers clerk said recently. "But as for Afro-Caribbean ones — we're just not ready for

them. The clients wouldn't like it." The tale is told by Lincoln Crawford, the chairman of the Bar's race relations committee; and it shows, he says, that ethnic minority lawyers

'Criteria for

preference

have to change'

still face not so much a glass ceiling as a cement roof. The obstacles are, he comments, there at every stage of a legal career - from law school and examinations, to entry point into law firm or chambers and, finally,

when it comes to promotion to the bench. But the problems are coming out into the open. For the first time, the legal profession and the Government are joining on November 29 for an unprecedented public debate of the issues. The 1997 Minority Lawyers' Conference, New Generation: New Challenges, the first of its kind, takes place under the aegis of the Law Society, Bar Council and Lord Chancellor's Department, with the Lord Chancellor - Lord Irvine of Lairg - giving the keynote

That it will happen at all is a tribute to the barrister Margaret McCabe, who also organised the highly successful Women Lawyers' Conference. To bring together the profession with the various organisations into a mainstream event has not, she admits, been easy. But the enthusiasm

was there. The aim, she says, is not to have a big whinge about problems but to "produce ideas and strategies so that minority lawyers can succeed and rise through the ranks of the legal profes-

Mr Crawford agrees. "You can't talk about a multicultural society when there are whole swaths of areas in the legal profession where black people cannot participate all," he says. He points out that while minority lawyers are found in the Government legal service. Crown Prosecution Service and local government, they are not found to the same extent in private practice - and scarcely at all in the judiciary. There are no black High Court judges; and only four

out of 552 (0.7 per cent) recorded among the circuit judges.

The focus will be on action: how to: develop a modern practice, play a part in the decision-making of the legal profession, forge contacts, break into new areas of work and progress up the ladder. A continuing problem is the size of the pool from which candidates are drawn. Law Society figures show that

in July 1996, ethnic minority solicitors with a practising certificate comprise 4.1 per cent of the 68,000 practising solicitors; and nearly all have less than ten years' experience. The proportion

however, growing. They make up almost 20 per cent of trainees and nearly 25 per cent of entrants to law degree courses. At the Bar, latest figures show 13 per cent of pupils and squatters (barristers with no chambers place) and 8 per cent of barristers in independent practice are of minority origin.

But there is evidence that the pool is smaller than it should be - witness the comment of the clerk above. Mrs McCabe argues: "There are some preferred sets of

chambers, for instance, that get the CPS briefs, so we need to change the criteria for being a preferred set. If you don't get the work, you don't have the experience that puts you in the frame to apply for

More, they believe, could be done by the Lord Chancellor's Department to trawl for candidates; and to look more imagina-

tively at who might qualify. They do not want positive discrimination but positive action. There needs, Mr Crawford says, "to be some action centrally, some direct intervention, as Tony Blair did with women MPs - to make a

difference." They are nevertheless ada-mant that ability is the touchstone. Mrs McCabe says: "We do not want anyone to be given a job because of the colour of their skin. What we are saying is: these people can do the job: just give them the

● The 1997 Minority Lawyers' Conference is sponsored by The Times and National West-minster Bank. Details: Marcia Williams, 0171-320 5800, or Pamela Bhalla, 0171-342 0082.

# The convicted rapist feels unlucky — rarely guilty

Should Parliament prevent a victim's

sexual history being raised in court?

xtensive coverage of the lengthy cross-examination of two rape victims by their attacker has drawn attention to the ordeal that victims routinely face in court. But the response of the Government, some academics and the media invokes victims' rights at the expense of defendants rights. Preventing defendants from representing themselves sels a dangerous precedent, and at the same time sidesteps the refusal of the criminal justice system to arrest, investigate and convict violent men. That is, it undermines civil rights, yet

changes nothing for women.

The reality is that though more women than ever now report rape, convictions have fallen from 25 per cent of reported cases in 1985 to less than 10 per cent in 1994. A third are not even recorded by the police as crimes; and four fifths of those recorded are dropped before trial.

Women making an initial complaint are still likely to face sexist indifference, racism or other hostility: inaccuracy in recording a statement: ineffective gathering of evidence; inadequate and even brutal forensic medical examiners; notorious reluctance to prosecute by the CPS; and in the minority of cases that reach court, a trial that many describe as a "second rape". No wonder only one in 200 rapes results in conviction. Convicted

rapists feel unlucky, not guilty.

The problem is not that defendants have too many rights but that victims have too few. Defendants who defend themselves and who badger and intimidate the witness are a tiny minority. Politicians and the media have rarely protested about defence barristers trawling through a woman's irrelevant

sexual, medical and other history. The 1991 criminalisation of rape in marriage finally established that the issue in every rape trial where identity is not in doubt is consent, not whether a woman slept with the accused or any other man on any other occasion. This basic principle, hard won by years of women's campaigning, seems always under threat. Judges have the discretion to protect witnesses from tortuous questioning; yet they too often allow questions irrelevant to consent. A woman's sexual history is no more relevant to a rape case than previous convictions of the accused. In addition, rape victims are not represented in court; they never meet the prosecution lawyers before the trial, and often find "their" lawyers careless, ill-prepared and prejudiced.

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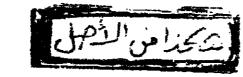




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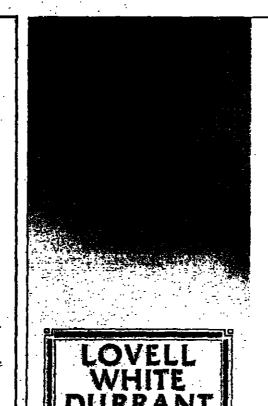
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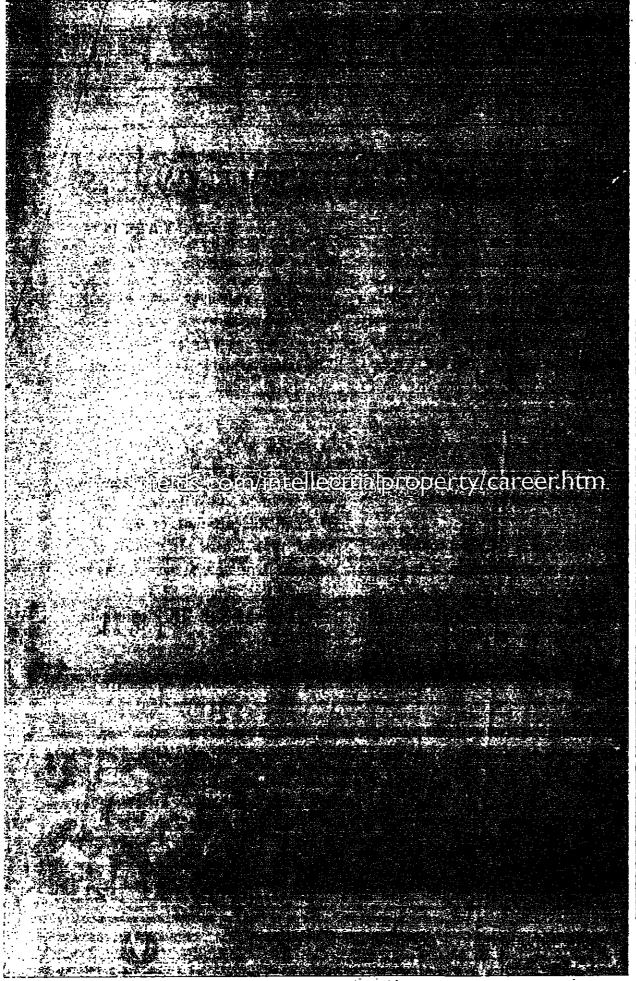
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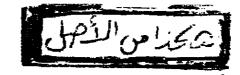
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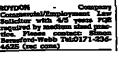
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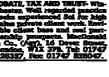
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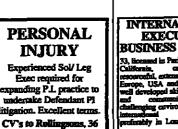
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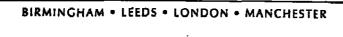
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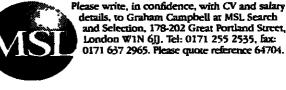
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**TENNIS** 

# Hingis faces powerful challenge in rich finale

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

DESPITE the \$2 million prize-money and bonus ranking points on offer, the 16 women who contest the Chase Championships here this week will have one eye on the holiday period that follows.

Played in Madison Square Garden, the tournament is as American as the Big Mac. Only the roll of honour breaks the spell. Most of the champions of recent years have been European, with Steffi Graf and Monica Seles, who did not become an American until 1994, sharing the lion's share of the spoils.

This time, however, the

#### DRAW

home crowd may have something to cheer about. Although Martina Hingis has stolen the limelight this year, she has been showing signs of tiring at the end of a gruelling season. True enough, she is the youngest world No I in the history of the sport, has lost only four times all year, and has won three of the four grand-slam titles; she has simply been untouchable at the top of the

However, a mass of ranking points in the bank has not given Hingis the same air of invincibility that Graf had in the same position. She is still only 17 and, over the last few tournaments, she has visibly wobbled. Add to that her habit of falling off horses, as she attempts to qualify for her showjumper's licence, and the

run into New York has not been the best period of Hingis's golden year.

At the same time, the jostling for position in the rest of the rankings has become fierce. Jana Novotna, who had been sitting tight in the No 2 slot, was overtaken at the weekend by Lindsay Daven-port, the first time the tall American has reached such heady heights in the world

rankings.

Much was expected of Davenport when she took over from Martina Navratilova as the United States No 1 in 1994. As Navratilova waved her final farewell at Madison Square Garden in the first round that year. Davenport went on to reach the final. But thereafter her progress was hindered by injury, illness and an attendant lack of self-belief.

Winning the Olympic gold medal on home turf in 1996 marked the beginning of her comeback and this year she has won six titles and comes to New York having reached three consecutive finals in Zurich, Chicago and Philadelphia. Included in her list of recent achievements is a win over Hingis in the semi-finals

of the Los Angeles event. Fitter than before, Daven-port's size and renewed confidence have begun to pack a considerable punch. On Sunday night, she took Hingis to a third-set tie-break in the final of the Advanta Championship in Villanova, Philadelphia, before going down 7-5, 6-7, 7-6.

After the match, Hingis said: They are catching up to me pretty much, and soon. Everybody says: 'You have no rivals. But at this tournament. everybody else showed I'm not the only one who can play." Amanda Coetzer is another



A determined Davenport pushed Hingis all the way before succumbing in three sets

#### of those elbowing her way through the ranks. The dimin-Rusedski ranks with utive South African may look tiny and demure, but she is best for Sampras not one to take defeat lightly. What she lacks in inches — she GREG RUSEDSKI, No 6 in them all, has the biggest game stands a mere 5ft 2in in her tennis socks - she makes up for in stamina. Like Daventhe Association of Tennis Pro-

fessionals' end-of-year rankport, she has beaten Hingis ings, could be the most realistic challenger for the leading this year - in the semi-finals in Leipzig — and, again like Davenport, has climbed to her position in 1998, according to the man whose hold on the No 1 spot is as secure as ever.

One things is certain. Come Asked who poses the great-Sunday night, there will be a est threat to his supremacy, new champion in the record Pete Sampras, who heads the rankings for a record-equal-ling fifth year, said: "It's hard books. No one in the 16-strong field has won this title before and only Hingis, Davenport, for me to say one player, but you can look at someone like Anke Huber and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario have reached Rusedski, on an indoor fast the final. In the absence of court or grass." Graf, who is still nursing her

The Briton started the year injured knee, the field is wide at No 48 on the list, but Sampras said: "Rusedski, out of

with his serve. When he gets his first serve in, he's pretty much unplayable. His game forces you to be ready. You have to stay on your toes. You feel like, if you miss a couple of shots here and there and he serves big enough, that could be the first set.

"His game reminds me of [Goran] Ivanisevic a little bit with the up and downness that he plays. But with a serve like that, he's going to be around for a lot of years." Tim Henman is at No 17 in the list, which was issued yesterday.

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#### **ICE HOCKEY**

#### Cardiff's nerves calmed by Matulik

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

CARDIFF Devils and Sheffield Steelers served up a thrilling game before a capac-ity crowd at the Cardiff Ice House on Sunday with the home side, 3-0 ahead after ten minutes, eventually winning

Determined to atone for two successive defeats, the Devils took advantage of some uncharacteristic hesisome uncharacteristic hesi-tancy by Piero Greco, the Sheffield netminder, with goals by Ken Hodge, Frank Evans and Vezio Sacratini. The second period was score-less, but the Steelers got the breaks in the third, Ken Priestlay scoring on the power play, Ed Courtenay taking advantage of an errant clear-ance and David Longstaff scoring from close range to bring them level.

Within two minutes, Ivan Matulik put Cardiff ahead again and, although play was in the Cardiff end of the rink for the remaining eight min-utes, the Devils held on. They were helped by Sheffield's tendency to indulge in roughhouse tactics when they might have been better served by concentrating on trying to draw level.

The change in coach at Newcastle Cobras has had an immediate effect. Dale Lambert has taken over from Rick Brebant, who was dismissed; and the team, who broke their duck against Notting-ham Panthers with a 5-4 success in midweek, gained their second successive win, beating Bracknell Bees by the same score. Brett Stewart scored three of their goals and Randy Smith netted the winner in the seventh minute of

Brebant, meanwhile, has moved to Manchester and set up the first goal of the game on the way to the Storm's 8-3 defeat of Basingstoke Bison. The return to full fitness of Dale Jago was an important factor in Manchester's success: he assisted on three of SAILING

## Silk Cut storms into fifth after avoiding disaster

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

LAWRIE SMITH almost broke the 24-hour monobull record and came close to losing several of his sails overboard as he made the best of strong following winds in the Southern Ocean and improved Silk Cut to fifth place in the second leg of the Whitbread Round the World

In the 24 hours to midday yesterday, Silk Cut achieved a run of 431.5 miles, averaging 17.7 knots for the last six hours of the period, in freezing conditions and tailwinds of 30-32 knots. This is just three miles short of the record set by Toshiba during her transatlantic Whitbread qualifying race last July.
With the weather at last in

his favour right on the southern edge of the Roaring Forties at 49 degrees south, Smith moved from seventh to sixth on Sunday, and then ahead of Chessie Racing into fifth place. In terms of distance to the end of the leg in Fremantle, the fourth-placed boat, EF Language, skippered by Paul Cayard, is now well within his grasp, just 22 miles ahead.

Steve Hayles the navigator on board Silk Cut, said that there had been two fairly big 'wipe-outs" when the boat broached under masthead spinnaker, before they changed down to a fractional spinnaker.

The change itself went smoothly, although hauling in 280 square metres of heavy spinnaker cloth with freezing hands in 35 knots of wind is never the simplest of tasks." Hayles said. "We were just settling down and getting the boat fully powered up when we went down a very steep

What happened next almost brought Smith's race to an end. The sails stacked on the weather-side deck, to help flatten out the boat, and tied onto the stanchion posts were swept overboard as a wall of water engulfed the boat from bow to stern, sweeping off all

the guardrails and stanchions from one side.

"As the front of the boat disappeared into the wave at well over 25 knots, the water swept aft and dragged the sails hard enough to break off every stanchion, leaving the sails hanging over the side," Hayles said. "This was a major situation, as losing the whole lot meant losing the

whole race."

Without dropping the spinnaker and working on a
precarious deck with no guardrails, the crew managed to haul the sails, weighing more than half a ton, back on board before taking them down below, where they were repacked. "Apart from that little drama, we have had a good day." Hayles said.

While Smith and the boats closest to him, EF Language and Toshiba, skippered by

#### **DETAILS**

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Paul Standbridge, posted 17-knot averages, the top two boats, Swedish Match and Innovation Kvaerner, were slower at around 12 knots, with the barometer climbing. One of the big losers in the past two or three days has been Grant Dalton, on Merit Cup, who was in eighth place yesterday, well to the north of almost all the boats ahead of him and still not benefiting from the conditions that are pushing Smith towards the front of the fleet.

Dalton knows he has a big problem. "So now we must dig very deep and bail ourselves out of the position we now find ourselves in," he said yesterday. "The next days will be hard on us mentally, but we must improve."

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SOMETIMES the nightmare have so often won their only begins when you wake esteem had become the punt-

up. Norman Williamson, one

of National Hunt's most ac-

banned for 14 days at Leicester

yesterday, having dozed into a

gaffe that will torment him for

Approaching the last in the

novices' chase, Williamson

seemed assured of successs on

the 11-4 on favourite. Herbert

Lodge. Graham Bradley, on

Kapco, was labouring a couple of lengths away, as

Herbert Lodge landed full of running for Williamson — dubbed "Stormin' Norman"

Williamson, inspecting his

colleague afresh, decided that a few brief pushes would per-

mit Herbert Lodge to coast up the run-in. With barely. 75

yards to go, he sought reassur-

ance over his right shoulder -

only to find that Kapco had

disappeared. Taking a sharp

look over the other shoulder,

he was rewarded with the

spectacle of Kapco surging

past under a dynamic drive. It

was too late for anything bar a

despairing flap at the reins of

Herbert Lodge, who was beat-

en two lengths, at a cost to

backers of some £7,000 in

recorded bets alone.

by affectionate punters.

complished

much longer.

jockeys, was

RACING

Williamson eases

14-day suspension

BY CHRIS MCGRATH

ers' villain. They did not spare

him their venom on his return

to the unsaddling enclosure.

Destinations recommended to

Williamson included his na-

tive Ireland, and Blackpool,

presumably a reference to

donkey derbys. One racegoer.

trying to confront Williamson,

was thwarted only by a colli-

sion with the jockey's driver.

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Jenny Pitman, the trainer.

also shepherded an irate punt-

er away, while Williamson's

colleagues provided a protec-

tive escort as they rode out for

. The stewards gave William-

son the maximum penalty in

their power, the ban com-mencing on November 26. He emerged to offer an apology:

done before and will be done again. I'm very, very sorry."

But jump jockeys remain

authentic sporting heroes for a

cynical and commercial age,

and it is a hard heart that

cannot forgive these intrepid

men the occasional such howl-

er - especially if you consider

what had befallen William-

son's young colleague, Barry Fenton, at Plumpton just 20

Fenton was flung into the

ground when Brackenheath

crashed at the first in the

November Novices' Hurdle.

Rich Tycoon, dispensing with Robert Thornton in the pro-

cess, promptly landed on top

of Fenton, who lay ominously

still as the two horses thudded

away. Scenes of dangerous farce threatened as the ambu-

lance, bouncing towards the

stricken rider, sank into the

mud in the home straight.

wheels spinning helplessly. The regulations state that the

ambulance should not go onto

the track itself during a race:

fortunately, they also require

two to be in attendance. The

other was able to deal with

Fenton, while a tractor eventu-

ally dealt with the stranded

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Fenton was not even con-

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£75 (2) A Martin Contract of the Contr THE PERSON NAMED IN Leicester Going: good 12.50 (2m of 110) of holis) 1, Native Shore (Mr K 8 0 Resn, 5-2); 2, Cuistequey (2-ter); 3, Fun White It Lasts (15-2), 11 ran 144, 19, C Mann, Totar 52.30; 51.30, 51.10, 52.20, DF: 55.10, Trice 57.60, CSF: 57.13, Tricast: 229.28. And the state of

E7.13. Tricast: 229.28.

1.20 (2m hole) 1. Cointosser (5 Wymne, 9-4; Timelkeeper's top ratingt: 2. Brecon (2-1 twit): 3 Mustang Scally (25-1); 15 ran. 2.

101 M Prot. Tole: \$4.00; \$1.90, \$1.20.

102 50 DF: 28.30 CSF: 28.68. Tric. \$188.60 (rent wor. Pool of \$1.00; 53 carned toward to Lingfield 2.50 today).

1.50 (2m 7f. 110yd cht) 1, The Whole Hog. N Wifeamson. 11-4); 2, Alexien Heir (5-2). Jermy C'Dea 11-10 (se. 3 ran. 2. K Berley. Tole: \$2.50. DF: 23.40 CSF: \$2.22. K Berley. Tole: \$2.50. DF: 23.40 CSF: \$2.22. Carn. Index 1. Potter's Galar (R. 220 (2m Indic) 1. Potter's Gales (R Johnson, Evens law) 2. New Im (6-1); 3. Star Satection (4-1) 5 zan 71. 191. D Nicholson Tote £1.90, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £2.40, CSF-£6.62 2.80 (2m 1f ch) 1. Kapon (6 Bradley, 11-4); 2. Herbert Lodge (4-11 tay), 3 rsn. 2l, C Brooks. Tote (3360 OF: 2190, CSF £4.01

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS 29.30; 22.40, £1.50, £2.30 DF. £15.90 Trip: £52.00. CSF: £18.69. Inc: 252.00. CSF: £18.69.
3.50 (2m 4f 110/d hole) 1, Beechfield Plyer (G Tormey, 14-1); 2, El Don (S-1); 3, Neuer (20-1), Menienz (8h) 7-4 tav. 10 ran. 15t; 335. W Clay. Tota: £11.90; £2.30. £1.90, £4.10: DF: £22.50. The: £12.10. CSF: £51.12. Thicast: £786.87. Placepot £64,80 Quadpot 223.50

Plumpton Going: soft (heavy in pieces) 1.00 (2m 4) hdte) 1. Lanadowne (L. Cummins (1-6) ian): 2, Forusreys (7-2): 3. Demas (3-1) - 7 ran. 234, 151 P. Nicholis. Tota: (2.30: £1.40, £1.80. DF: £3.70 CSF: 05.54

25.54. 1.30 (2m 51 ch) 1, Kerar (D C'Sulinen, 3-1; Thundarer's nep); 2, Native Venture (5-2); 3, Joker Jeck (20-1); Jodean Plun (4th) 9-4 fav. 5 (2m. 1), 91, F. Rowe. Tote: C3.90; 52.30, 52.00. DF 15.20. CSF: \$10.20. 2.00 (Zm ch) 1. Antonio Alumano (I. Aspal, 25-1) 2. Buckland Lad (11-4): 3. Dr Rocket (7-2) Supermick (rel) 11-10 Jav. 5-ran, NR: Friendly Knight, 6t. 14t. P. Mooney Total 222 60: 27.00, 24.20. DF. 254.70. CSF: 3.20 (2m holis) 1. Glossy-Geof (R Exins, 7: 1), 2. Out De Sec. (13-8 tev), 3. Your Fellowin (12-1), 13 ran. Hid, 4t, G. Hubbard, Tols:

91, XI. M Pipe Tote: £1.60; £1.50, £2.60. DF £9.00. CSF: £3.11. S.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Wishing William (J Titley, 7-21, 2, Ring Corbins (7-1); 3, Primitive Streek (16-1). Reservative (7-74, tay, 8 ran. 111, dist. Miss H Knight. Tota: £4.00; £2.00, £1.80. DE: £13.20. CSF: £24.06. £24.06.

241.0. 230 (2m 11 hole) 1. Fill The 88 (A P McCoy, 6-5 lev); 2. Infantous [5-4]; 3. Just Nip (6-1). 5 ran. NF: Summy Flame 6, 18. M Pipe. Tote: \$1.90, \$1.90, \$1.90 DF: \$2.50 CSF: \$2.91. Plecopot: £93.50 Quadpot: £46.40 Southwell

Goings standard 12.10 (1m) 1, Dust (W Ryan, 9-2); 2, Lagal Issue (2-1 fav); 3, Chadleigh Lene (7-1), 13 ran, 41, 61 Lond Hunfingdon, Tota: \$5,10; \$1,90, \$1,50, \$1,10. DF: \$6,70. Two \$16,70. CSF: \$12,52. 12.40 (1m 98) 1, Pharty Denois (A Cuftere, 16-1); 2, Aventi Blue (6-1); 3, Whittey Gennge Boy (11-4 lay), 14 ran. 6, nk. W Height, Tote: £14.80; £3.70; £2.90, £160. DF: £45.20. Jno: £29.60. CSF: £103.44. Tricast: £229.17. 1.10 (1m) 1, Democrat (G Duffield, 7-2), 2, Grooms Gold (100-30); 3, Awesome-Venture (7-1), Daintree 3-1 fev. 12 ran 3,

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£17.12 1.40 (6) 1, Wilton (M Tebbud, 16-1); 2, Emerent (evens tex); 3, Sera Moon Classic (8-1), 15 ren, Nr., 21. J Heffrenon Tool 536.90; 28.70, £1.20, £2.30 DF: £24.70, CSF: £34.98, Trac £146.20 CSF: C34.98. Trot: £146.20
2.10 (8) 1. Classy Cleo IJ F Egan, 7-2), 2, Russian Romeo (8-1); 3, Critical Air (2-1 fev), 8 ran. 2), hd. P Evens, Tote: £4.00, £1.60, £1.50, £1.60. DF £22.10 CSF: £32.95. Tricast: £88.09.
2.40 (8) 1, Prioratic Princests (L Newton, 4-1 fav); 2, Corractic Quest (9-1), 3, Newton de Corner (6-1); 4, Songsheat (6-1), 18 ran. 2, 294. B Mediation. Tote: £4.50, £1.50, £2.30, £4.10. DF £24.60 Trot £5.00. CSF: £4.1.92. Tricast. £217.49. 23.10 (1m 36) 1, Burandi (M Tebbut, 5-1); 2, 3.10 (1m 36) 1, Burandi (M Tebbut, 5-1); 2, SS.80. CSF: E41.92. Tricast. 2217.49.
3.10 (1m 3h 1. Bumundi (M Tebbut), 5-11: 2. Greenspan (4-5 tay); 3. Mierni Moon (8-1).
13 ran. 12!. 11. A Carnoll Tole: E7.30; 22.40.
51: 20; 22.40. DF: 58: 20. Troc: 531.60. CSF: 510.16.
3.40 (1m 6h) 1. Notation (P Fessey, 5-1), 2. 1. La Menorquina (6-1); 3. Hipplos (14-1). Drama King. 4-1 fay. 13 ran. 43, 81. 0. Chapman. Tote: 57.60; 62.20. 52.30. UF: 538.00. Tric: 52.27.40. CSF: 541.51. Tricsst: 4404.40. Leciand: not wan inpol at \$10.968.72

Jackpot: not won (pool at £10,969.72 canted forward to Lingfield tomorrow).

Placepot \$22,70

giisid tomorraw). Quadpot: £12.10.



Williamson and Herbert Lodge are clear at the last fence before the jockey's error handed the race to Kapco

day at the office: the stewards suspended him for seven days under Rule 151 (relating to non-triers) for his ride on Buckland Lad, a well-beaten second in the previous race. The horse himself was banned for 30 days, and Gardie Grissell, his trainer, fined £500 - to his evident disgust. "In 20 years' training, I have never sent out a non-trier and never backed any of my horses," he said. "This is a slur,

and I shall appeal." ☐ William Haggas, the Newmarket trainer, was fined £1,500 under the non-trier's rule when his two-year-old. Shocker, finished unplaced at Southwell yesterday. The jockey, Jo Hunnam, was suspended for seven days -- from November 28 — and the horse banned from racing for 30 days from November 20.

#### RACING AHEAD Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BOLD CUP CHASE

Or Royal Jeffell Fide Rayme end The Gale Art Prince

ONLY Ladbrokes and William Hill offer prices on the First \* National Bank Gold Cup Chase at Ascot on Saturday, and they are agreed in making Simply Dashing, the mount of Richard cey, a warm favourite at 7-4. Saltroly Dashing ran out a confortable winner on his

Brance at Wetherby, besting the subsequent Murphy's Sold Cup winner, Senor El Betrutti, by 15 langua. That form is the reason for his cramped adds on Saturday, but should not be taken at face value, as that three-ourner race was slowly run and the currer-up not fully fit. Simply Deshing will find this more competitive and offers no value at 7-4.

Or Royal was third to Spaniy Gaille in the Cathten Chase at Cheltendam, but the handicapper class not appear to have taken any chances in evaluating that form, Jaffail is the only ined entry, and his trainer, Arthur Moore, sent out Weather The Storm to win this or 1987. He is an intended runner, with Conor O'Dwyer booked to ride, but his best form is

Fine Thyne is lightly raced for an eight year old, having run just 14 times, winning seven, the form less season includes four wins and a narrow defeat at the hands of Call Equiname, who won a competitive race at Chaltenham on Friday. He made a successful return to action in a weak contest at Stratford last month, which should have put him spot on for this weekend. Open to further improvement, FINE THYNE is an excellent wage.

#### THUNDERER 2.40 CERTAINLY STRONG (nap) 3.10 Lord Of The West

the next race.

1.10 The Butterwick Kid 1.40 Rye Crossing 2.10 Hoh Explorer 3.40 Leap In The Dark Timekeeper's top rating: 3.40 LEAP IN THE DARK.

The man whose heroics "I made a mistake, It's been

1.10 malton racing association novices hurble (£3,134; 2m) (23 runners)

) BY GUDSUR D LUMBURGERY SECTION 5-11-0 REVOLT 305 (C Singuis) 7 Easterly 5-11-0 SARAS DELIGHT 230 (Mrs. D Jackson) D Nicholson 5-11-0 

1996: MEETING ABANDONED - SNOW Caufier 14(1 2nd of 8 to Eusire Star in novice hardiceo huntle at Wetherby (2m, good) with Meltermison (28th better off) 471 5th.

Tabloon's Flame 14th fill of 14 to Rothard in novice hardiceo huntle at Selpadield (2m 11, good). Flashoster 12th and of 14 to Superprise in novice hundle at Katso (2m 110yd, good to firm) with Cauflow (same terms) 20th 7th and Sycamore Lodge (1th better off) a distance 42th. Golden Thunderbold 25th and of 4 to Banker Count in novice hundle at Wetherby (2m, good to firm). Report 17 and 471 9 to Aktau in novice hundle at Wetherby (2m, good). Saras Delight 32t 6th of 20 to Melody Meint in Not first race at Worcester (2m, good to firm). Seven Mile Galle a distance 5th of 10 to Kings Measure in NH flat race at Worcester (2m, good to firm). Seven Mile Galle a distance 5th of 10 to Kings Measure in NH flat race at Worcester (2m, good to firm). Seven Mile Galle a distance 5th of 10 to Kings Measure in NH flat race at Worcester (2m, good to firm). Swandale Plyez 31 3rd of 11 to Takasti in novice hundle at Pertit (2m 110yd, good). The Butterwick Kid 94th 4th of 14 to Chief Moose in novice hundle at Market Pasen (2m 110yd, good). The Butterwick Kid 94th 4th of 14 to Chief Moose in novice hundle at Market Pasen (2m 110yd, good). Now Tomo. 8th 2m of 14 to Chief Moose in novice hundle at Market Pasen (2m 110yd, good). REVOLT has a clear chence on his second to the smart Abuta.

REVOLT has a clear chance on his second to the smart Albabi. ... 1.40 PROFESSOR PETER ALEXANDER NOVICES CHASE (£3,600: 3m 1f) (6 amners) (23,000): Still 11 (0 tublets)

7 704-521 MAYBE OTGRAIDY 18 (CD.F.G.S) (Mrs A. Bell) W Countegland 8-11-5 M Smith 93
2 11241-F FOREST WORT 10 (G.S) (Old Foresters Proof D Microbay 8-11-0 A Magazin 3 020013- JERNALLX 125 (S) (F Option) 6 Richards 6-11-0 R Districted 4 01PP2/ (ODLAW 725 G.S) (W Washi) lins M Reneily 9-11-0 P Ment 5 1519/72 (ONS GRESEACH 18 (S) (Bladeley Pointers Lat) J Tumor 8-11-0 R Sample 90
6 24/3-P2 RYE CROSSING 7-(B.F) (C Showed) T Exambly 7-11-0 R Garriery 87
BETTIME: 4-5 Forest long, 5-1 Jernaldz 6-T Maybe O'Scaty, Rev Crossing, 6-1 Midge, 18-1 Ning Garriery.

Maybe O'Grady heat King Girseach (5th better off) 12 in 4tinner novice chast at Wetherby (5m 11, good to firm). Forest
to soft) Jervaulix a distance 3rd of 5 to Papea Charife in novice haste at Chepston (2m 31 10)rd, good to firm). Kidiaw 91 2nd of 4 to Gale Ahaad in novice chase at Wetherby (3m 110)rd, good). Hye
Crossing 91 2nd of 11 to Chipped Out in novice chase at Sedgefield (2m 51, good). FOREST MORY should be given the chance to alone for his Chepstow half

2.10 HENDERSON INSURANCE BROKERS LTD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: \$2,819; 2m) (10 runners)

(3-Y-U: YZ,619; ZM) (1U RUILIES)

5 BERNETS STARS SOF (6 Reyner) M Byrolt 10-12 R Supple 80BROCTINE USE ZFT, (0 Phylotot) Mrs. M Benetry 10-12 P Mean 3

5 BODD JUDGE 15 (J Brown & M Densky) M Heromond-10-12 A Delbha 5

6 LOPE DESCRED 17 (8 Born) T Esslerty 10-12 Berlay 10-12 J Calleghan 5

6 LOPE DESCRED 17 (8 Born) T Esslerty 10-12 R Thomas 39

2 THE REAL MCCOV 15 (Man J Remote) Mrs. J Rumsiden 10-12 A Magnetin 67

TESUTIMA 12F (A Pasile) M Hammond 10-12 R Gandley ANG AMPAN 12F (A Pasile) M Hammond 10-12 R Gandley ANG AMPAN 12F (A Pasile) M Scopper) Mrs. J Sackell 10-7 T Sakdell (7) 49

1EDDY'S BOW 62F (Mrs. A Javris) M W Hammond 10-12 P McCyley (5) — BETTIME: 5-2 The Real Microy, 7-2 Bractone Line, 4-1 Good Judge, 5-1 Lord Discord, 10-1 others.

Bernte's State 9941 Site of 8 to Dissington Times in 3yo novice that the state of 1 to AV this season. Hot proporer modesate staying marken on Fat Ond Discord 971 Site of 7 to Monacch's Persail in grade 8 novice hardle here (2m, good to firm). The Real Microy 1941 2nd of 10 to Econtine in novice hardle at Reversatio (2m, good to firm) with Good Jodge (same terms) 5961 3nd. Stant Valley 581 19th of 15 to Livrices an 3yo novice handle at Haydock (2m, good). Teddy's Sow has been naturing at synth lites on Fish. LORD DISCORD can profit from the drop in class

GUIDE TO OUR INTERPRETACECARD Recovered purpose: Sig-Signer from (F - ink, P - int) without: B - brought from S - stipped up R - released <math>D - int form, here, S - stipped up R - released <math>D - int form, here, S - stipped up R - released <math>D - int form, here, S - stipped up R - int stipped up R - in

 $2.40\,$  metsurishi morile phones limited handicap chase

(£6.697; 2m) (6 runners) 2972-15 CB\_BATE 17 (D.F.G.S) (Standard Bridge Pars) C Mann 6-11-7 R Denovoody 148
/12532- MAJOR BELL, 250 (F.G.S) (A Whillans) A Whilens 9-11-3 A Dobbin 144
11/170- CERTARICY STRURG 250 (BF.D.F.G.S) (II Seleco) D Micholson 7-11-2 A Magnet 140
47/523- MATIVE MISSION 284 (D.G.S) (G. Shaulet ) J Flactorul 10-11-0 Flashing 1-10-7 R Samily 144
2451-96 DOMN THE FILL 17 (D.F.G.S) (Mars S. Johnson) J Johnson 8-10-7 Mr S Durack (7) 142

Culibria 171 5th of 8 to Indian Jockey in Itandicip chase at Accol Com, good) with Down The Fell (2to better off) 281 6th. Major Bell Good). Cartainly Strong 17,48th of 18 to tage te major of 10 to Spurky Gayle in chase at Cuellenham (2m 5/1 good). Native Mission 5M1 3rd of 7 to Mission Oddy in handicap chase at Newbury-L2m 11, good to 50th. Cumbrian Challenge best Tagasta 191 in 4-curser handicap chase at Weitherby (2m, good to 50th).

CERTAINLY STRONG, from a stable to line form, can make a winning reappearance

3.10 LAMBSON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,710: 3m 1) (3 runners) 1 3P2F-11 LORD OF THE WEST 8 (6) (Duchess of Westrelseen) J J O'Nett 8-12-2 (Sec.) A Magnire 120 2 F-32-61 SPEACEA WEST-FERILL 10 (F-5) (Lody Anne Bestisch) O Benesse 8-12-0 M Bretman 118 3 503-624 PMLS GEMER 24 (D.S.S.) (A Loughel) M Harmond 9-10-5 \_\_\_\_\_ A Dobber 117 BETTONG: 11-10 Lord Of The West, 11-8 Speaker Westherlf, 5-1 Pims Geomet

Lord Of The West beat Penetine Pride beaten a distance in 2-numer handicap chase at Carlisle (3m, good to firm). Speater Weatherst beat Golden Helto 261 in 5-numer handicap chase at Newcastle (2m 4, good to firm). Pris Cumrer beaten a distance 4th of 5 to Hermes Harvest in handicap chase at Market Rasen (3m 11, good) LORD OF THE WEST is progressing well and has another good opportunity

3.40 MARSHALL CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,373: 2m 4l 110yd) (6 numers)

1 25/22-0 HGERANK 10 (C.F.E) (P Dodd) Mrs M Reveloy 5-11-10 M H Racquinon (5) 106
2 4154-24 SCARBA 12 (G.S.) (Portainer RC Dumers Group) J Jeberson 9-11-8 M Meilo (10) 114
3 F26F-45 BRANCHER 6 (F.G) (Bilateley Philators Lib J Tumer 8-10-11 .... R Burns (7) 102
4 1223143 LEAP PI THE DARK 8 (D.F.S) (Mrs D Morris) Miss L Soddell 8-10-9 T Scientill 8-1
5 20125F- AMAZHIS SAL 173 (RFF) (Martine) Miss M Melligan 4-10-9 ... E Callighton 6 3305-29 S2/ CLERKS 63 (S) (Marquess de Mortalia) J F2/Gezid 4-10-1 F Leaby (3) 103
BETTING: 3-1 Lissp In The Dark 4-1 Scarbs, Str Clerks, 9-2 Highberth, 11-2 Brancher, 8-1 Amazing Sal.

Highbank beaten a distance last of 7 to Potter's Gale in handican hurdle at Cheoston (2m 110yd, good to soil). Scarba 191 4th of 10 in Spendid in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 51, good to soil) Brancher 161 6th of 8 to Well Appointed in handicap hurdle at Carlose (2m 2) good). Leap in The Dark 941 3rd of 6 to Mile Stan in novice handicap hurdle at Carlose (2m 41 110yd, good) Arnazing Sail fell in novice handicap hurdle at Carlose (2m 64, good to firm). Skx Clerks 641 3rd of 4 to Country Orchid in handicap hurdle at SedgeSeid (2m 11, good to firm). LEAP IN THE DARK boos on basier task than when third at Carlish

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TRAINERS Mrs Mr Seebey O Hicholson G Richards T Eacharby J Johnson J Jefferson J Fitzgerald	Wies 52 16 26 15 15 16 6	Rines 190 61 115 73 82 34 95	27.4 26.2 24.3 20.5 19.5 17.6 15.8	JOCKEYS  P. Durwoody  P. Mwen  A. Maguine  B. Grafton  E. Crafton  A. Dobbon  F. Lealty	Wirners 10 47 23 3 5 19 5	Redes 32 176 102 16 27 112 37	31.3 26.7 22.5 18.8 18.5 17.0 13.5

#### **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

Newton Abbot TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 8 winners from 20 runners, 40.0%; P Hobbs, 55 from 179, 30.7%; D Burchell, 6 from 20, 30.0%; C Brooks, 6 from 22, 27.3%; M Pipe, 104 from 385, 27.0%; P Nicholis, 37 from 145, 25.5%.

JOCKEYS: D J Burchall, 6 winners from JOCKEYS: D.J. Butteren, ownners from 9, 32.3%; A.McCoy, 56 from 172, 32.6%; G. Bradley, 14, from 48, 30.4%; C. Webb, 4mm 17, 23.5%; J. J.Murphy, 8 from 38, 20.5%; G. Tormey, 7 from 39, 17.9%. Lingfield Park TRAINERS: V Scane, 4 winners from 15 numers, 26.7%; C Thornton, 4 from 18, 25.0%, J Berry, 37 from 175, 21 1%; Lord Huntingdon, 49 from 241, 20.3%; Mrs J Caell, 7 from 39, 17.9%; W O'Gorman, 21 from 121, 17 4%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 23 winners from 120 riches, 19.2%, C Lowither, S from 27, 18.5%; R Cochrane, 68 from 399, 17.0%, M Hills, 25 from 164, 15.2%; T Outron, 49 from 326, 15.0%; S T Quinn, 49 trom 328, 15 Whitworth, 40 trom 283, 14.1%.

91 M Prescutt Tote \$4.90, \$1.30, \$2.00, \$2.00 DF: \$16.10. Trio: \$48.10 CSF

#### **NEWTON ABBOT** THUNDERER

1,00 Champieve. 1.30 Zabadi. 2.00 Touch Silver. 2.30 Friendly House. 3.00 Shamarphil. 3.30 Deano's Beano. 4.00 Muskhill.

Going: Good to SDFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

1.00 DEVON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,295: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

5-4 Champlere, 6-4 Dines, 5-1 Mistord Sound, 12-1 Knightstr Diefo, 16-1 Ezzy's Boy, 20-1 offices.

1.30 WEST COUNTRY HOVICES CHASE (\$2,846: 2m 110wl) (6) 1 341 - FOLGRITH IN LINE 195 (D.S.S) M Wildowson 9-10-12 W Marston 2 56-2 LIAME ANARIA 31 (D.B.S) P Machalis 6-10-12 ... T J Murphy 3 275- MOLISE 1980 231 (S.D. Bardotto 7-10-12 ... A P McCoy 4 6562 PADRE MRD 18 (B.D.S.S) C Brook: 9-10-12 ... E Bradley 5 3LD- RODRISC PROCE 243 (D.B.S) C Poptism 7-10-12 M A Freguenic 6 52-3 ZABADI 14 (BF.D.E.S) D Nicholson 5-10-12 ... A Johnson

7-4 Padre Min. 3-1 Zabadi. 41 Lake Karaba. 8-1 Fourth In Line, 10-1 others 2.00 WISHFUL THINKING SELLING HURDLE

(£1,751: 2m 1i) (8) 24 P. DUCH SUVER 12 (D.S.) H Mannes 7-11-12 A Dowling (7)
2 (JP- ALBERT THE LIDN 437 (4) J Newtie 5-10-12 ... A P MicDoy
4 2 BRIGHSTONE 15F (BF) M Pipe 4-10-12 ... A P MicDoy
4 S562 COLER BATTANT 40 (D.F) & Baser 7-10-12 ... Y Sattleys
5 P-PP GRANSTOWN LASE 4 (S) A Barrow 6-10-12 Mr O McPhail (7)
6 (P-0) HAYDOWN 19 M R Bosley 5-10-12 ... Mr P Pailins (7)
7 O RISH SEA 11 B Lienstlyn 4-10-12 ... G Toxney
8 POS- SASSY STREET 77F R Jahrason Haydrom 4-10-12 D Gallagher 4-7 Brightsone, 7-2 Coeur Battani, 8-1 Touch Silver, 14-1 Sessy Street, 25-1 Grandtown Lake, Irish Sea, 33-1 Albert The Loon, Haydown.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Parts 1.20 Figawin, Rapid Reliance, Lookingforfove Det. 2.20 Master Bobby 3.20 Witchlinder, Newton Abbott 1.30 Padre Mio 2.00 Albert The Lion. Wetherby: 1.10 Gale Force, Golden Thunderbolt 2.10 Silent Relian.

#### 2.30 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,819: 2m 5i 110yd) (9)

1 S31 - CSAMATS WARSE (22,013, 211 31 11 10 yr) (9)
1 S31 - CSAMATS WARSE 198 (10) M cappon 7.11-10 W McFathard
2 S33 - FRENCLY HOUSE 251 (8F S) M Pipe 8.11-10 \_\_\_ A P McDay
3 (0) - HOLD YOUR RANKS 251 (8F S) M Fipe 8.11-10 \_\_\_ A P McDay
4 123 HILLHARD 10 (8F S) F Routine 11-15 \_\_\_ B Power
5 S5-3 WONDERFULL POLLY 13 86 P Michaelis 9.11-91 Lamanuss (5)
6 332 - LIKE WARSH 190 D Gandollo 7-10-11 \_\_\_ C Bradley
7 (200 RAGAMERT 26 P Hobbs 6-10-9 \_\_\_ C Muscle
8 PS9-0 UNINCAS COUNTY 257 F Fucier 7-10-0 \_\_\_ M Gofflins (7)
9 (APU CHARLES QUANCER 10 M Science 7-10-0 \_\_\_ M Holley 3-1 Hilliaad. 4-1 Friendly House, 9-2 Holis Your Ranks, 11-2 Wo Luke Warm, 8-1 German's Wager, 10-1 Ragazmet 33-1 others.

3.00 CLAUDE WHITLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £3,293: 3m 2f 110yd) (5) 1 505- DOM SAMOURA: 276 (B.S) M Pipe 6-11-13 A P McCoy 105 2 165- BRAMBLEHUL BUCK 274 (CD,S) P Mctolls 8-11-10

3 -5U5 TUG OF PEACE 10 (F.S.S.) G Balding 10-11-7 ... Gafford 85 4 039- PENINCALER 237 (8) P Hobbs 7-10-5 ... C Uswellyn 95 5 042- SHAMARPHIL 249 (C.S.) R Ainer 11-10-1 Miss S Barraclough 94 2-1 Dom Samoura: 5-2 Bramblehill Buck, 4-1 Penncaler, 9-2 Tog Ol Peace, 8-1 Stemaphol.

3.30 WILLIAM HILL RANDICAP HURDLE

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DR MARTIENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Rothwell: Dorchester v Crawley (7.45). Gloucester v Briton Albion (7.45). Nuneaton v Yang's Lynn, Tamxorth v Grasiley Midland division: Bedworth v Hinckley Midland division: Bedworth v Hinckley Uld, Bitston v Ileaston Blakenhall v Corby, Moor Green v Stourbridge: Redditch v Sutton Colffield Town: Stafford v Solituil Borough Southern division: Newpon (fo/N) v Weymouth, Waterlooulile v Tonbridge: Yale v Newport AFC.

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RUGBY UNION

Tour matches Bleckheath v Tongs XV (7 45)
Emerging England v Now Zealand XV
(at Huddenfield, 7 45) Scottish Borders v ACT OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Euroopean Cup: Group E: London Towers v Belgrade (8.0). Classic Cola National Cup: Guarter-final: Brimmogham Bullots v Worthing Bears (7.30) FOXING: World Boxing Organisation Inter-continental featherweight champ-ionship: S Robracon (Cardiff, holder) v A Johnson (Tim) (al Mansfield Leisure Centre).

CE HOCKEY: European League: Dy-ramo Mascow v Manchester Storm. Superleague: Sheffield Steelers v Ayr Scottish Eagles (7 30) SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria UK chamo-



### Brian Glanville casts his eye over the weekend's qualifiers for France

# World Cup party list nears completion

hile pipped Peru on goal difference on Sunday to become qualify for the World Cup finals from the South American section. They will join Argentina, Colombia and Paraguay in France next summer. The Chileans won 3-0

against Bolivia - never much of a team away from the heights of La Paz - in the illfamed national stadium of Santiago, where so many political prisoners perished after the Pinochet revolution.

Seventy-five thousand spectators saw the game, in which no fewer than three Bolivians were sent off during the sec-ond half. However, Chile were already 2-0 up before the first sending-off.

Four minutes from time, after Carrena, the Chile substitute, had headed his team's third. he was kicked by Sanchez, of Bolivia, who bacame the third player shown the red card.

Marcelo Salas, the prolific Chile striker now with River Plate, of Buenos Aires, scored his team's second goal near half-time from the edge of the penalty area. He was watched by Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, whose interest in the player

Argentina, already qualified, drew 1-1 in Buenos Aires with Colombia, who thrashed them there 50 in the 1994 World Cup eliminators. Valderrama put Colombia ahead; Caceres, the Argentina defender, equalised.

Daniel Passarella, the Argentina manager, has at last agreed to select Gabriel Batistuta, his best striker, after a nine-month stand-off. But Argentina are not a convincing team and Passarella may also have to reconsider his veto on Redondo, the Real Madrid midfield player, who is out of favour, apparently because he refused to get his

Terry Venables takes Australia to Tehran on Saturday for the first leg of the play-off with Iran for the one outstanding ticket to France. David Hill, the Australia federation president, said: "I couldn't think of a worse place to get to at short notice. It's a logistical

nightmare."
No fewer than 16 of the Australia squad are playing in Europe. They left yesterday to get together in Dubai, where the rest of the team will join



Jamaica supporters celebrate qualification for France. They booked their tickets with a 0-0 draw against Mexico on Sunday. Photograph: John Kunz

them from Singapore. It has not yet been decided when the players will cross the border

The Australian federation does, however, plan to charter a plane to get its players out of Tehran as quickly as possible; the return leg is scheduled to take place in Melbourne on Saturday week.

The Iranians lost their qualifier in Malaysia to Japan on Sunday night, though they were leading 2-1 until late on. A "golden goal" decided the contest in extra time, scored by Masayuki Okano in the 25th minute of "sudden death". This was an enormous relief

to the Japanese, who qualified as a result and who will be staging the 2002 World Cup jointly with South Korea. The J League, already suffering from diminished attendances, could well have collapsed had the national team failed to reach France. Japan can, however, play

Jamaica's English continsome elegant football. Muira, a forward who learnt his trade

with Santos in Brazil, took a County, and Fitzroy Simpson huge pay cut to play, unsuc-cessfully, in Italy with Genoa. He nevertheless remains a player of great ability. Jamaica celebrated qualifi-

Mexico left seven of their

in Kingston, having already

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ATHLETICS

cation with a national holiday. Had all those who wanted to get into the stadium done so on Sunday, instead of the 35,000 who did, the crowd at the goalless draw with Mexico would undoubtedly have been

gent — Deon Burton, of Derby three World Cup qualifiers.

What is more, two of them, against the United States and and Paul Hall, both of Portsmouth - have undoubtedly Costa Rica, took place in Mexico City, at whose breathtransformed the team, but less heights the Mexicans there is plenty of local talent; ought to enjoy an advantage. Bora Milutinovic, the Mexi-Robbie Earle, the Wimbledon midfield player, gets on only as a substitute. .

co manager - who managed the United States in the 1994 World Cup, Costa Rica in 1990 regular team out of the game and Mexico themselves in 1986 is under heavy fire. Some-Concacaf group, but it is significant that they have only thing has gone wrong with his team, but it looks as though the manager will be allowed to

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Semi-final stage: Group A: Juventode 0 Vasco de Geme 3; Flamergo 1 Portuguese 0. Group 8: Palmeires 1 Internacional 0; Atletico Mineiro 2 Sentos 0.

## U-turn adds fizz to cup ties

BY DAVID MADDOCK

WITH the Football League saying yestetlay that it was confident that a place in the Ucfa Cup could yet be the prize for the winners of the Coca-Cola Cup this seas the six fourth-round ties night have an added appeal. European governis withhold a place. with the full support of the EU,"
Chris Hull, a League spokesman, said. "We are confident
not only that we will persuade Ucfa to grant an automatic place in Europe for the Caca-Cola Cup winners, but that they will do it in time to allow this season's winners to play in Europe next season.

feat Grimsby tionwide League second division team has already disposed of two FA Carling

Premiership sides.

Not only fild they knock out
Leicester City, the holders, but
they also hastened the depurture of David Pleat from
Sheffield Wednesday with a
4-3 aggregate visitely. However, Alan Buckhey, their
manager, said that it was
unfair to think that Events
could suffer the same late. could suffer the same fate.

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#### Prospect of | Sultan feels lure of English football

BY DAVID MADDOCK

PETER JOHNSON, the Everton chairman, is pre-pared to sell the Merseyside club, but only if a prospective buyer meets his asking price of £70 million. There is, however, one man looking to buy into football who is quite capable of meeting such a fee — the Sultan of Brunei.

Johnson, heavily criticised by Everton supporters recently, has already turned down one offer of £50 million for his stake in the club he purchased for £20 million two seasons ago. Yesterday, he dismissed reports of a possible sale, but it is understood that he would be prepared to sell at a figure above the present City valuation - around £50 million.

Two potential purchasers have refused to meet that figure, but the Sultan - and his cousin, the Prince of Brunei — is actively seeking to buy a football club in England. and has recently been approached about Everton by a third party.

The Prince is a sports fanatic and employs Jim Pearson, the former Everton forward, as a consultant to coach his private team and arrange visits from top sportsmen to the kingdom.

The Prince has asked for a list of English clubs that might be available for sale and he is also investigating the potential of Manchester City, Coventry City and Queens Park

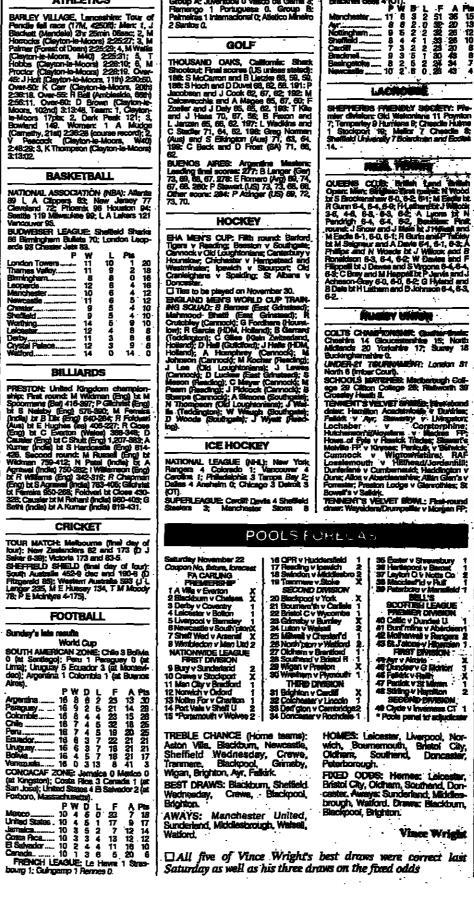
Rangers. The Sultan is one of the richest men in the world but, despite his great wealth, it is unlikely that a deal could be brokered at Johnson's present asking price. The Sultan, together with the Prince, is more likely to concentrate on a comparatively undervalued club such as Manchester

Dean Jones, the Barnsley defender, has become the latest player to fail a drugs test. Jones, 20, tested positive after discoverd in a random test at the club's training ground on October 27.

He has been charged with miscanduct by the FA and was immediately suspended with the agreement of Barnsley, pending his appearance be-fore a disciplinary commis-sion, likely to take place within the next few weeks.

## **BUSINESS TO BUSINESS**







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2,275; 13, P. Korda (Cz) 2,281; 14, G. Kouston (Br) 2,218; 15, G. Nemissolic (Cro) 2,176; 16, F. Murrilla (Sp) 2,110; 17, T. Harmen (GB) 1,229; 18, M. Prilippounests (Aus) 1,309; 19, A. Coota (Sp) 1,776; 20, C. Ploilles (F) 1,534; 21, J. Courier (LS) 1,529; 22, M. Morren (GB) 1,227; 24, K. Kucera (Sheisha) 1,427; 25, M. Lusson (Swe) 1,376; 25, T. Woodbridge (Aus) 1,319; 27, A. Machadolev (LG) 1,314; 26, T. Enqvist (Swe) 1,1312; 28, F. Santono (Fr) 1,294; 50, C. Woodruff (Aus) 1,294; 143, A. Richardson (SB) 312; 151, C. Wildenson (GB) 295; 154, M. Prétairey (GB) 232; 210, D. Sepsitord (GB) 300; 255, M. Lus (GB) 122; 294, L. Malgan (GB) 121; 321, M. Medicagen (GB) 104; 334, J. Delgado (GB) 84; 401, B. Cowen (GB) 70; 450, A. Parmer (GB) 349, A. Parme AGHEABYIT

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# English Seven Lions emerge to play against All Blacks

By MARK SOUSTER

JOHN HART, the New Zealand coach, yesterday expressed his disquiet that the Emerging England side to play New Zealand in Huddersfield tonight contains seven members of the British Isles party that toured South Africa in the summer and a total of 12 players already capped by England.

"It's hardly an emerging team," Hart said. "I'd have to say we are disappointed in the context of the way the tour was set up. This was supposed to De a tour in which we faced different opposition, but clearly Clive Woodward (the Eng-

#### TEAMS

EMERGING ENGLAND: J Mellinder (Sale). J Bentley (Newcastle). N Greenstock (Wasps), M Affen (Northampton), T Beim (Sale). P Grayson (Northampton), A Healey (Lelcaster). G Rountires (Lelcaster). M Regan (Bath), D Grayson (Karacars), F Jarndons (Harlecdars). N Back (Lelcaster, Captain), C Sheesby (Wasps), Beplacements: R Butland (Bath), M Wood (Wasps), K Yeles (Bath), N MoCarthy (Gloucaster). D Simms (Gloucaster). M Corry (Lelcaster). T New Yeal AND: T Miller (Walands).

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land coach] has decided we'll oglay England A every mid-

Given that John Bentley, who has been selected on the right wing, is 31 and won his first full cap nine years ago. Hart has a point. Austin Healey, who plays at scrum half, Paul Grayson, Mark Regan, Graham Rowntree. Simon Shaw and Neil Back, the captain, are the other Lions who toured South Africa to be included. Indeed, Healey and Grayson came on as replacements for England in .

Twickenham on Saturday..... Hart was at pains to stress that he is not unhappy with the quality of the opposition. ying, it is the principle," he tour at all.

said. "It is not in the spirit of the tour.

"The New Zealand union wrote to the English union about that three weeks ago and, as of last night, we had not even had the decency of a reply. I hope they don't do us the disservice of calling it Emerging England, I hope they call it as it is - England A. But I'm not worried about it."

The Rugby Football Union denies that there is a hidden agenda. It believes that the situation was clarified several weeks ago and that it was accepted that each of the three midweek fixtures would, in effect, be against England A

New Zealand can take it as a compliment that the England management has selected such a powerful side. Certainly, it is one in which several players will use the opportunity to reassert their international claims.

"It is a big challenge for us and it's probably the most important game on tour for the midweek team," Hart said. "Several of the team must consider themselves unlucky not to be in the Test side, so they will have huge motivation."

After their comprehensive defeat of Ireland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, New Zealand have selected what is at present their second string. But Jonah Lomu will be hoping to bring forward his return to international rugby and Carlos Spencer will look to put pressure on Andrew Mehrtens, the incumbent All Black fly half. Josh Kronfeld, who came on

as a substitute in Ireland, starts on the open side: Charles Riechelmann, a replacement for the injured Robin Brooke, is also included. Sean-Eitzpatrick's knee injuthe draw against Australia at cy, though, appears to be more serious than was at first thought. The New Zealand captain is almost certain to miss the international on Sat-"It is not the fact of who we are urday and may not play on the



Thomas, left, and Stimpson are joined at the launch by Dave Kelaher and Ray Lehner, of Oxford University

## New European test for students

BY MARK SOUSTER

A NEW, high-profile international tournament to foster and promote university rugby sponsored by The Times, was launched in London yesterday. The Times Students' European Rugby Championship (SERC) will feature 16 of Europe's best university teams from six countries ~ England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France and Italy. It is expected to become the most important championship for European student

rugby.
The decision to organise such a championship, which also has financial backing via a grant from The Foundation for Sport and Arts, was prompted two years ago by a determination to revive the tradition of universities as

centres of rugby excellence.
Ted Wood, the honorary secretary of SERC, said: "Universities need to be playing demanding midweek and weekend fixtures and have informed coaching. We have always welcomed the benefits that come from association with senior clubs but, at the same time, we believe that the interests of many young players are best served by a vigorous tradition of sameage rugby within institutes of higher education."

The ability of universities to act as breeding grounds for talent was reinforced at Twickenham on Saturday. Five of England's starting line-up played for their uni-versities. The expansion of league rugby, however, fol-lowed by the advent of professionalism, is eroding that base and the concern is that fewer players will undertake a higher education before moving to a club. Bob Reeves, a SERC committe member, said: "We are in danger of players ending up as in soc-

higher education." Tim Stimpson, who has fallen out of favour with Newcastle and England and who attended the launch yesterday, believes the lessons he learnt at university are helping him through his present trough. "I had a fantastic three years at Durham, play-

cer, with careers over and no

ing rugby and gaining a



degree," he said. The things } learnt there developed me so much as a person and as a rugby player.

'It helps me to cope with times like this. It is vital to develop other interests away from the game.

Stimpson welcomed the idea of a top-level competition for universities. "It can only raise the quality of rugby at

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school," he said. "University rugby gave me the chance to

play with intelligent players

and also to experiment away

from the pressure and must-

win culture which exists in club rugby." Justin Thomas, the Wales full back, agreed. Thomas, a former student at the University of Wales Institute of Cardiff, said that student rug-by was "a breath of fresh air after the pressure of club rugby. It is only right that the profile of student rugby is

The 16 teams taking part have been divided into four groups, based in Durham, Cork, Cardiff and Toulouse, There will be a series of round-robin matches from December 15-19. The group winners will go on to the semifinals on January 14, with the final to be played on January

John Bryant, the deputy ditor of The Times, said the ewspaper was happy to be ehind the championship. "It vill enable the most talented of today's young university ugby players to reach their all potential This potential. This tournaent. alongside The Times A Youth Cup, is further nitment to the future of

#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

## Young reasserts the old order

By OLIVER HOLT

caused a shock of almost seismic proportions on the West Coast when they filched the National Football Conference western division title from the perennial holders. the San Francisco 49ers, last year. On Sunday, at what was formerly Candlestick Park. the Panthers dutifully stepped aside as the old order reassert-

Inspired by their quarter-back, Steve Young, who completed 17 of his 22 passes with no interceptions and threw for 221 yards, San Francisco brushed Carolina aside 27-19 to become the first team in the National Football League to guarantee a place in the end-

ed itself.

of-season play-offs.

The 49ers have not lost this season since an opening-day defeat to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and after the Denver Broncos, the Minne-sota Vikings and the Green Bay Packers all slumped to surprise defeats, they now possess the best record in the league, with ten victories to just one loss.

The last time they compiled such an impressive winning streak was in 1994, the most recent occasion that they won the Super Bowl, and gradually they are emerging as the outstanding team of the season. Their win on Sunday afternoon meant that they reached double figures in victories for the fifteenth consecu-

tive season. "It was a big win for our football team," Steve Mariucci, the 49ers' rookie coach, said. "It was important for the organisation to win the division. The first thing we talked about, the first goal we set way back in January, was to get the

THE Carolina Panthers division back from Carolina. and it was very fitting and coincidental that it came today, against a good Carolina

team." Much has been made of the part played by the 49ers' running game in the team's renaissance, but on Sunday it was Young who was at the heart of everything positive that they produced. This time last year, pressed by Elvis Grbac, then the second-string quarterback, and battered by a series of concussions, Young was lighting to save his career.

Now he is the master again. "It feels good to take the title back from the team that had taken it from us so holdly last year," Young said. "There are a lot of good things happening right now with our team. But the funny thing is, with all the great things, the expectations are growing within the organisation, within ourselves." If the expectations are grow-

ing in San Francisco, they must be shrinking in Green Bay. Invincible again at Lambeau Field this season, the Packers have been increasingly vulnerable away from their home field and on Sunday they were the victims in the biggest upset of the season. The Indianapolis Colts, who had lost their first ten games. vanquished the Packers 41-38 at the RCA Dome.

So much, then, for the acronym recently ascribed to the Colts -- Count On Losing This Sunday. They fought back from what seemed to be yet another losing position against the Super Bowl winners last season before their kicker, Cary Blanchard, sealed the match with a 20-yard field goal in the dying seconds.

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## Scotland put faith in untried Hodge

By Kevin Ferrie

THE Scotland selectors yesterday continued to gamble when they asked Duncan Hodge to play at full back against Australia at Murrayfield on Saturday.

Last week they made Andy Nicol captain and picked four new caps -Grant McKelvey, Scott Murray, Adam Roxburgh and James Craig. However, Hodge's selection in a position in which he has never started a match, after the withdrawal of Rowen Shepherd, who injured a rib during Melrose's win over Boroughmuir on Sunday, is the biggest

risk to date. Hodge has been played as a centre for Edinburgh this season, having been previously regarded purely as a fly half. The switch has been made because the selectors do not want to upset the balance of their new-look threequarter line and also wish to use him as a place kicker.

Ironically, Hodge's sole appearance at full back was as a replacement for the Barbarians against Scotland in the Dunblane international at Murrayfield

In a further change to the squad, Andy Reed, of Wasps, has withdrawn with a troublesome back and is replaced on the bench by Stuart Grimes, Hodge's Watsonians team-mate. Australia have delayed announcing their team until tomorrow because of doubts over four players. Andrew Blades went off during the match against England on Saturday because of a muscular problem in his back, Elton Flatley required stitches after losing a tooth, George Gregan suffered an eye injury and Tim Horan has bruising to

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to is watching it on television."

While Higgins left the Guild Hall in dejected mood last night, Ponting was hastily arranging overnight accom-

modation after pessimistically

checking out of his original hotel. To extend his stay

further, and reach the last 16

of a ranking event for the first

time, he must overcome Dene

O'Kane, of New Zealand, who

deservedly favourite but, if

you don't think you've got a

chance, why bother turning up? All the shock results at the

grand prix have given guys like myself a lift. It's made us

believe the top players are

of the upsets at Bournemouth

to which Ponting alluded, faced the prospect of an open-

ing match reverse in the

championship for only the

second time since making his

debut in 1979 when he trailed

Gerard Greene 6-2 at the

ilton, of Nottingham, con-

structed the highest break of

the championship so far, a 138 total clearance, during his 9-2

win over Troy Shaw. Jamie

Burnett, who beat Mick Price

Meanwhile, Anthony Ham-

interval last night.

Steve Davis, a victim of one

beatable," Ponting said.

"With John's record, he was

beat Billy Snaddon 9-6.

## Higgins pays price for lack of respect

By PHIL YATES but all I've got to look forward

TWICE in three weeks, John Higgins has discovered to his cost that no fellow professional, however lowly ranked or inexperienced, can be underestimated. His latest lapse led to a totally unexpected defeat in the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship at Preston vesterday.

Higgins, beaten by Dominic Dale in the final of the grand prix last month, again found difficulty in coping with a intle-known rival as he lost 9-4 to Gary Ponting, the world No 84 from Bristol, in the second round.

"I felt good but I suppose I was over-confident." Higgins said. I don't think I gave Gary the respect he obviously deserves, and that's ridiculous because I should have learnt my lesson after what happened at the grand prix."

Trailing 7-1 after an opening session on Sunday that he described as without doubt the worst I've ever played", the Scot, runner-up to Stephen Hendry last year, threatened to mount a fightback. Assisted by a break of 102 in the tenth frame, Higgins rallied to 7-4. but Ponting comfortably won the next two frames.

"I was rubbish. I was so bad it was embarrassing," Higgins said. With these longer matches, the better players are 9-6, will provide Hamilton's supposed to come through; next opposition.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

#### Uncapped duo earn England call-up

BASKETBALL: Two uncapped players — Brian Basler, the 6ft 5in Derby Storm forward who has made an impressive start to the season, and Silas Cheung, who plays for Tirer in Germany — have been included in the squad of 14 named yesterday by Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, for the beginning of their qualifying programme in the European championship. The campaign begins with a match against Denmark in Copenhagen on November 26. Spain and Ukraine are also in England's qualifying group.

ENGLAND SQUAD: J Amascri, N Austin, M Gotthed, B Belser, R Beker, S Bucknell, Cheung, A Gardiner, C Hastern, D Heltiman, R Huggins, I McKimney, I Whyte, P Scantlebur,

#### Wimbledon record

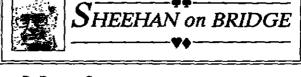
# TENNIS: Wimbledon, buoyed by the performances of Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman, increased its profits by 6 per cent this year to a record E31 million. The tournament's surplus is handed to the Lawn Tennis Association, to be reinvested in the sport. The figure next year could be even higher if Rusedski and Henman continue

#### Dancer party

■ HOCKEY: Barry Dancer, the new England coach, has selected 26 players to attend a training camp at Lilleshall next month in the build-up for the men's World Cup in Utrecht, Holland, next May, and the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in September. England will also play in the rescheduled Azlan Shah tournament in Kuala Lumpur, starting

#### Weir rules out action

E RUGBY UNION: Doddie Weir, the Newcastle lock forward, will not be taking any legal action against Marius Bosman, the Mpumalanga forward who stamped on his knee during the British Isles tour of South Africa. Weir said yesterday that he would not pursue the case because of "the relatively short time" he had been out of the game.



#### By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Alain Levy has been a leading French player for many years, and was in their team for the 1997 Bermuda Bowl. You can see him in action at the 1998 Macallan International Pairs.

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East-West game

hand, when France played Sweden in the 1997 Generali European championship. Many players would pass with the East hand. Subminimum three-suiters are often better shown by passing and then doubling for take-out if opponents bid your short suit. When the first club ran round to his ten. Levy could see East probably had most of the rest of the high cards. He played a spade to the ten

at trick two. East won and continued a spade to Levy's jack. Now Levy made a farsighted play: he cashed the ace of clubs. That squeezed East. If he had discarded a heart, declarer could have cashed the ace of spades and played three rounds of hearts. In practice East threw a diamond, and

Levy was declarer on this now Levy ran the ten round to East's king, thus setting up three diamond tricks and enabling him to take nine tricks

> ☐ After four out of the seven matches, the BBL's Premier League seems to be more or less settled. The Hackett team Dason, Justin and Paul Hackett, Tony Forrester, Dave Mossop and Tom Townsend) lead with 213 IMPs. Second are Brunner (Michelle Brunner, John Holland, John Armstrong, Danny Davies) with 63.

> ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## WORD-WATCHING

VERRUCOSE a. Talking too much b. A dandelion laxative c. Warty

c. A wasps' nest

VESPLARY a. Evening service

b. A flotilla of motor scooters

By Philip Howard BATHYBIUS

a. A diving bell b. Deep sea gunge c. A Roman from Morocco RONION a. An adiposely challenged

female h. A kidney c. A turncoat

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CHESS CORRESPONDENT

One of the great success stories of the Lucerne world team championship was the Ukrainian grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk. Some time previously, Ivanchuk had been considered as a potential future world champion. However, his play has been perennially afflicted by attacks of nerves, which let him down at crucial moments.

However, at Ivanchuk made the huge score on top board of six points from eight possible, including the following decisive win against a defence that has a drawish

reputation. White: Vassily Ivanchuk Black: Vladimir Akopian

World team championship.

Lucerne 1997

Petroff Defence 1 e4 2 Ni3 3 d4 4 e5 5 Qxd4 Node Nee 96 Bg7 0-0 h6 Be6 a6 bxc5 f6 Rf7 Bd7 Oc8 Nb7

Nd6 Qd8 25 Og6 26 g4 27 grf5 28 Nxx6

Diagram of final position 

Brilliant career Chess fans will welcome the republication of the best ingenious world champions of all time, the Latvian, Mikhail Tal. The Life and Games of Mikhail Tal (published by Cadogan) contains 100 games by the man who was world champion in the period 1960-ol, with notes by Tal himself.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WINNING MOVE

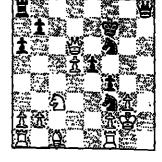
By Raymond Keene

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Black to play. This position is a

variation from the game O'Kelly -Speelman, Cambridge v Middlesex 1971.
Although Black is a whole rook down, he has excellent attacking chances along the h-file. He could

now have forced a quick checkmate. Can you see how?



dismissal, caught at gully as

he carved an expansive drive

early in his innings. will

surprise nobody in Australia. McGrath dismissed him there

so often last winter that he

confessed that the pleasure of

taking Lara's wicket was part-

ly undermined by its utter

Wasim Akram shaped the Australia ploy to his own

design. In the fourth over of an

excellent opening spell, he tempted the batsman with a

wider hall that he held back a

touch, and Lara's flawed

stroke found a delighted catcher in Mushtaq Ahmed, falling

to his left. That was the third

wicket that West Indies lost to

the new ball, and the most significant moment of the day. Nobody enjoyed himself

more than Mushtaq. That catch filled his sails nicely and

he went on to pick five pockets

with his wrist spin, finishing

with five for 35. None of the

batsmen played him with

much assurance and, when

Hooper and Ambrose belted

sixes down the ground, they were strokes of defiance rather

Mushtaq has now taken five

wickers in a Test innings on

eight occasions. Only Arshad

Khan, who was making his

Test debut, went wicketless.

Wasim claimed the most nota-

ble prize and there were two

wickets apiece for Shahid

Nazir, the 19-year-old, who

was preferred to Wagar

Younis, and Azhar Mahmood,

a handy all-rounder in the

late, because of the heavy

carpet of dew on the outfield.

but there were no tricks in the

pitch. The hounce was even

and there was little to encour-

age Wasim and Nazir to bang

the ball in. How then did West

Indies get into such a pickle?

Wasim's masterful perfor-

mance. Off no more than 12

paces, bowling with a delight-

The answer lay mainly in

Play began half an hour

than mastery.

predictability.

# West Indies

# surrender to Mushtaq and Wasim

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PESHAWAR

WEST INDIES ended the opening day of this first Test naked with embarrassment. They took a wicket before the close, when Walsh had Sohail caught at slip, but only after their had surrendered their first innings for 151. On a flat pitch, after winning the toss, that was a disgraceful performance.

At one stage, even as modest a total as 151 appeared beyond them. The lunch score was 29 for four and, shortly afterwards, they were 58 for seven. It was left to David Williams. the wicketkeeper, and the fast bowlers to cobble together some late runs, a point that Walsh undoubtedly made afterwards to his underachieving batsmen.

Lara, once again, led the list of failures. The manner of his

#### SCOREBOARD

Williams c Moin b Shahid .... 4 Campbell Ibw b Mushtaq ... 15 Chanderpau b Shahid . .. B C Lara c Mushtaq b Wasim . C L Hooper c Mohammad

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b Mushtaq ...
P V Simmons b Mushtaq ...
10 Williams b Azhar ...
R N Lewis b Mushtaq ...
I'R Bishop b Azhar ...
C E L Ambrose Bw b Mushtaq C A Walsh not out

FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-9, 3-16, 4-29, 5-45, 6-50, 7-58, 8-108, 9-129 BOWLING: Wasim Alvam 14-5-29-1: Shahid Naor 10-1-32-2; Azhar Mahmood 14-2-35-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 18-3-7-35-5; Arshad Khan

PAKISTAN: First Innings Saeed Anwar not out . Aamir Schail c Lara b Walsh . Ijaz Ahmed not out.

Total (1 wkt, 4.3 overs) Inzamam-ui-Haq, Mohammad Wasim, †Mon Khan, Azhar Mahmood, Mushtaq Ahmed, "Wasim Akram, Shahid Nagir and Arshad Khan to bal. FALL OF WICKET, 1-10

BOWLING Ambrose 2.3-0-9-0, Walsh 2-1-5-1



Lewis, making his debut for West Indies, is comprehensively bowled by Mushtaq

ful rhythm and bounce, he swung the ball both ways, and offered the batsmen no margin for error. He might easily have had Stuart Williams legbefore first ball and saw two other appeals turned down before he fooled Lara.

CRICKET: LARA SNARED IN FAMILIAR TRAP ON DAY OF DOMINANCE BY PAKISTAN

It was superlative fast-medium bowling from one of the great modern cricketers who, on this evidence, has put his serious shoulder injury a long way behind him. In that first burst, he took one for 12 from eight overs, five of them maidens. and, by his example, inspired his young partner. Nazir looks a likely lad. He

generated decent pace from a loose, springy action, and swung the ball out. Williams

gifted him a wicket with an awful attempted drive but Chanderpaul was bowled two balls later by one of full length that he played all round.

If neither Chanderpaul nor Lara provides an innings of substance, it is clear that this side will struggle for runs. So it proved here. Campbell was surprised to be given out legbefore but Simmons misread Mushtaq's googly in comical fashion and Hooper, the gifted shotmaker who rarely makes big scores at this level, was taken at short leg on the sweep. Lewis, on his debut, offered the worst shot of all, an

ugly swipe across the line. Had Moin Khan held on, when Mahmood found the

inside edge of Williams's bat, the innings would not have reached 100. Williams, who had made one at the time, added 30 more to be the top scorer, and after some fun and frolics towards the end, Mushtaq closed proceedings with another leg-before deci-sion awarded by Said Shah,

standing in his first Test. The day was not over. Pakistan were in the fifth over of their reply when the umpires offered the batsmen the light. It was odd, to say the least. The sun was setting and there was blue sky overhead but, however disappointed the spectators were, none of them could say they had not had

#### Adams holds more talks

CHRIS ADAMS, who will next week decide which of a number of interested counties to join, has held talks with Nottinghamshire.

Adams. 27, has finally been granted his wish to leave Derbyshire and is wanted by a number of counties, including Sussex, who have offered him the captaincy, and Kent. Alan Ormrod, the Notting-

hamshire manager, said: "As far as we can tell, we were happy with the way it went. The encouraging thing from our point of view is that Chris says his decision will be based on cricket first and foremost." Nottinghamshire have already signed Paul Strang, the

#### WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 53 VERRUCOSE

(c) Covered in wartlike growths. This is a suitably inscrutable word for cursing under the guise of blessing. Bon voyage, Harriet. May your path be smooth, your mind ever active and your hands ever verrucose." VESPIARY

(c) A nest of wasps, from the Latin vespis a wasp. It makes a good inscrutable curse for Harriet to reply with: "May your place of work in the dayting as a humming hive, and in the evenings may your househo be a vespiary."

BATHYBIUS (b) A gelatinous deposit, dredged up in mud from the lower depths of the ocean. It was

at first thought to be organic, but is now known not to be. If you are unlucky enough to get into the bathroom after your younger brother, this is a good word to describe the black line of scum that he leaves around the sides of the bath for you to RONION

(a) Also ronyon. A term of abuse

for a woman, found in Shakespeare (Merry Wives of Windsor and Macbeth, "Aroint thee. witch!" the rump-fed ronyon cries.") Webster derives it the French rogne (seab or mange) and suggests "scabby, mangy". But Sam Johnson, more convincingly in view of

Shakespeare's "rump-fed ronion", relates it to the French rognon the loins, and renders "fat, bolky". SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

# MI5's shadowy origins \*

Timewatch: The Gentlemen Spice BBCZ.9.00pm

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Hitherto secret documents released to the Public Record Office this month provide the raw material for this documentary on the early years of MIS. Given the nature of the subject, much still remains shadowy though the film does its best to illuminate the role of one of the second street of the second street. shadowy though the film does its best to illuminate the role of one of the organisation's founding figures, Vernon Kell, who in true cloak-and-dagger fashion was known as "K". MIS was established in 1909, as a security service with the job of protecting Britain from spies coming in from abroad. With the outbreak of the First World War, these spies were mostly German. Veterans of those days, now in their late 80s. recall, the extraordinary secrecy surrounding their work. If asked what he did, one MIS man used to say he was a civil servant. This was guaranteed to make the questioner lose interest.

#### Cutting Edge: The End is Nigh Channel 4. 9.00pm

Most of us know no more about the Jehovah's Witnessess than that they knock on our doors, flourish the Watchtower and tell us that the end of the world is imminent. Now comes an inside view. thanks to the organisation's decision to allow television cameras into its activities for the first time. The film does not take a view about the theology, which is based on a strict reading of the Bible. Instead it dwells on the human aspect. The Witnesses, it emerges, are something of a marriage market. Certainly, members are expected to find partners from within, which is how Matthew, a computer programmer, met Mauritza, a Cuban-born former circus acrobat. We also meet Rachel, who left the Witnesses during her teens but has returned, as she prepares for communal baptism at Twickenham rugby ground.

#### Auntie — The Inside Story of the BBC

Dracula: A Birthday Tribute

BBC1, 10.30pm (Wales: 11.00; N.I.: 11.05) To call the 1970s the golden age of BBC television, as this programme does, is debatable. The label is much better applied to the mould-breaking 1960s. Still, a decade that produced Fawlty Towers and Yes, Minister cannot be that lacking in quality.

And the BBC was certainly getting the audiences.



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Fawlty Towers's staff (BBCI, 10.30pm)

The Good Life, a likeable but unexceptional sitcom, was watched by 28 million people. The 1980s were more difficult, not least because the BBC found itself in a running banle with a Thatcher Government which distiked the principle of the licence fee and was incorrect by coverage of of the licence fee and was incensed by coverage of the Falklands War, the IRA and the United States bombing of Libya. All this is recalled in the final programme of a workmanlike series which uriously comes to a full stop in 1987.

#### ITV, 10.40pm

The eruption of Mount St Helens in Washington State in 1980 is the centrepiece of the first of four documentaries on volcances and earthquakes. Although Savage Earth overlaps with Channel 4's Raging Planet, which also covers great natural hazards, the material is strong enough to justify the project. The programmes mix easily digested science with vivid human testimony. Graphies show how collisions between tectonic plates lie at the root of volcances and earthquakes, while survivors describe being rescued from the brink of death. Although, given the location of the plates death. Although, given the location of the plates such eruptions are predictable, once they are launched nothing can be done to stop their progress. Even evacuation may not be enough. Almost all the 57 people killed at Mount St Helens vere outside the supposed danger zone.

The first hour of this show is always a phone-in but today it has a special interest for Disgusted of Tumbridge Wells and all the other people who consider the BBC to be one of their most prized

possessions (not unreasonably, considering that they finance it). The guest in the phone in slot is John Birt, the Director-General of the BBC, who

will be answering questions put by listeners: readers who get to this space early in the morning and would like to ask Birt what on earth . . . etc should call 0500 909693. Birt does not appear on

the airwaves very often but he is doing this show to

mark the 75th anniversary of the BBC this month. Campbell can be relied upon to ensure that Bitt

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#### RADIO CHOICE

Nicky Campbell Radio 5 Live, 9.00am

Radio 2, 9.30pm Although *Dracula*, *Frankenstein* and the rest leave me cold (so to speak) there are millions among us for whom horror is not only a dramatic compulsion but also one with literary justification. I understand the second point better than the first for Bram Stoker's classic, whose publication 100 years ago is the excuse for this programme, undoubtedly has literary merit. Daniel Farson, great-nephew to Stoker, presents this tribute to the book that has apparently inspired no fewer than 400 film versions, of which I have managed to miss at least 398. Christopher Lee is of course in the programme, reading book extracts, and there is a visit to the Whitby Dracula Society, which held a

#### RADIO 1

6.90am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Raddilfe 4.00 Dave Pearce 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamecq 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peal, Includes Man or Astroman in session 10.30 Charlie Jordan 1.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

#### RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Richard Stilgoe's Classical Gas 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Tickling the ivones (4/6) 9.30 Dracute: A Brifiday Tribute. See Choice 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 John Terrett

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell. See Choice 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra with David McNell 7.30 The Tuesday Match. Includes Derby v Newcastle, Leede v Reading, Liverpool v Grimsby and Assenal v Coventry 10.00 News Talk with Nigel Cassidy 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up Alf Night 5.00 Morning Reports

#### VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evans 10.00 (FM) Robin Barks (AM) Graham Dere 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MN) Nicky Home 4.00 Russ 'n' Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter

#### TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGilfen 9.00 Scoti Chisholm 12.00 Loraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

# 6.00am Alan Mann. Includes Morning March and Breaklast Baroque 9.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the Classic Masterpiece and a recipe for sausage and bean casserole 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.00 Concerto. Rachmarinov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Includes travel, sports and business news plus Three Steps to Seven 7.00 Newsnight. Arts issues and news updates, with John Brunning 7.30 Sonata. Beethoven (Vlolin Sonata. No 1 in D) 8.00 Evening Concert. Shostakovich (Festival Overfure); Rorseld Corp (Comucopia); Orfi (Carmins Burana) 10.00 Milchael Mappin. Includes at 11.36 Nocturne 2.00am Concerto (f) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Defius (The March of Spring, North Country Sketches No 4): Bach (Concerto in D minor for Sketches No 4); Bach (Concerto in D minor for three harpsichords); Ame (The Lover's incantation the Winter's Amusement); Britten (Rejoice in the Lamb); Pagariri (Cantabile in D); Ibert (Symphonic Suite Paris)

Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain); Quantz (Flute Sonata in B flat) Canteloube (Songs of the Auvergne, Set 2)

Musical Encounters, with John Toal, Includes Charbor (Loverse Marchat), Ravel (Refero)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with John Toal Includes. Chabner (Joyeuse Marche); Ravel (Bolero); Chabrier (Danse Stave, Fete Polonaise); Franck (Redemption); Haydri (Piano Trio in D); Roussel (Sintonietta for String Orchestra)
 12.00 Composer of the Week: Strauss
 1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Anthony Marwood, violin, Carole Presland, piano. Stravinsky, arr Dushkin (Sude Italienne); Tchaikovsky (Serénade Mélancolique); Schnittle (Dusslums Societa)

(Quasi una Soneta)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Alexander Titov and Mertyn Cronestra under Apparaire 1 flov and Manyn.
Frabbins, with Kathryn Stott, piano. Schurmann
(Overture Mantred): Britten (Variations on a Theme
of Frank Bridge; Pasno Concerto); Dvořák
(Symphony No 7 in D misnor)

O Volose: Introducing Marco Lazzara. The young
italian countertenor makes his British with Jain
Burnside, plano. Meyerbeer (Le filcordenze.
Rossini (O Mia Madre (Giovanna d'Arco). Faure

(Après un Rêve; En Sourdine, Debussy (Trois Mélodies de Verlaine, Respipil (O Faice di Luna; Nebble; Soupir, Mascagni (Serents (r))
4.45 Music Machine, Verity Sharp meets one of Finland's many armateur choirs
5.00 in Tune, with Sean Refferty, includes a look at the Tony Award-winning musical Chicago, starring Ute Lemper, which opens tonight
7.45 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century). The first of six recitals calebrating the flowering of the arts in Paris in the early years of the century. Rolf Hind, piano, Includes Berners (Three Funeral Marches); Debussy (Pour les Agréments; Pour les Degres Chromatiques; Pour les Apréges Composées); Prokofiev (Pleano Sonate No 3, From Old Notebooks); Salte (Préludes Plasques; Vértables Prefudes Plasques; Vértables Prefudes Plasques; Vértables Prefudes Plasques; At O Concert, part two, Poulenc (Mouvements Pérpetuels); Salte (Avart-Demieras Perusées); Stravinsky (Three Movements from Petushika)
8.30 Postscript: Tales from the Stacks (2/5)

9.45 BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Esa-Pekka Salonen, Gidon Kremer, violin. Lindgren (Oeje); -Saarieho (Violin Concerto, Grael Theetre); Hilborg

Sagnaho (Violin Concerto, Grael Theatre); Hilborg-(Liquid Marble)

10.45 Night Warves. Richard Coles reports on Valo — £ six-weak festival of Finnish culture at the Barbican, 11.30 Composer of the Week: Ligeti (r) 12.30cm Jazz Notes. Digby Falweather introduces a set from the Bristol-based Andy Hague Quintet 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

# 5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Breiling 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parlament 6.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Ed Stourton 10.00 (FM) Mean Times Australia. True stories from Australia's past and present. Handd Lasseter's body was found in the Australian desert in the 1930s. Buried near by were letters in which he claims to have found a reef of gold (5/6) 10.00 (LW) Delity Service

10.00 (LW) Daily Service 10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler 10.30 Woman's Hour, Introduced by Jenni Murray 11.30 All in the Mind. Professor Anthony Clare poses

11.30 All in the Mind, Professor Anthony Clare poses the question: is counseling good for you?
12.00 You and Yours, with Margaret Collins
12.25pm Booloed! The dons from The Godiather contact memones of mother love and take an anger management course, while Barbara Cartland's Love Little the Curse gets a new beginning and ending 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shapping Forecast
2.00 Thirty Minute Theatre; The Etiquette of Friendship, with Cathryn Harrison. Old friends many but regret it.
2.30 Nitrored in Music. Andrew Green talks to the Israell cellist Mat Hairnovitz (3/6).
3.00 The Afternoon Shift. Presented by Oaire Brehan.

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Notes Afternoon Shift: Presented by Daire Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Paul Yaughan sees a firm based on George Ornell's novel Keep the Aspidistra Flying, starring Richard E. Grant. Plus a collection of Hollab the Rampage

4.45 Short Story: Handel's Trumpeter, by itor
Thomas
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Shr O'Clock News
6.30 Imperial Palace. Anold Bennett's classic novel
set in the 1930s, dramatised by Peter Ling. There
is staff urnest at the hote! With Robin Ells, Derek
Waring and Collean Prandergast. (3/4) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Maurice Walsh assesses the chances
for peace in Sudan
8.00 Science Now, with Peter Evans (r)
8.30 The Network. Alun Lewis returns with the series
about communication and technology and asks
how computing power is careing for those in
search of spiritual enginterment
9.00 in Touch, with Peter White
9.00 in Touch, with Peter White
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabet Hiton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Clothes They Stood Up
In. Written and read by Alan Bennett, shridged by
Gillian Hush. Mrs Ransome meets a young man
who solves the mystery. (7/7)
11.00 Mediumwave. This week's events in the media (r)
11.30 (Tell) Sentimental Journey, Arthur Smith travels
to this last bestion of communism in the
Caribbean (1/6) (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Bright Lights,
Big City, by Jay McInemey (2/8) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

Big City, by Jay McInemey (2/9) (r)
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THE TIMES TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18 1997.

If you're not an expert about uses lots of words, but not neces-doubts that Willson had bought a what happens under a bonnet L (the Austin-Healey type, rather than Jane Austen), then when you watch a programme like The Car's The Star (BBC2), which is peppered with jargon about V8s and differentials, you always come away not knowing the answer to the one technical question that is uppermost in your mind: namely, is Quentin Willson demented?

Quentin — who plays Sundance Kid to Jeremy Clarkson's Butch Cassidy on Top Gear - gets very, very excited about cars. Last night he got excited about the Corvette. But there always seems something unauthentic about Willson's fizzy enthusiasm. Partly this is because Willson's excitement resembles that of the playground nerd who has just latched on to whichever craze all the cooler boys at school are currently hooked on.

And partly it's because of the way

Willson conveys his excitement: he

BBC1

9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (5513586)

10.55 The Realty Useful Show (T) (7810925)

12.00 News (T) and weather (6200857)

2.05pm Call My Bluff (3812875)

1.00 News (1) and weather (28050)

1.40 The Weather Show (59891031)

2.55 Wogan's Best of Blankety Blank

3.30 Playdays (8171789) 3.50 Arthur (8175505) 4.15 Fudge (5610188) 4.35 It'll Never Work (1797789) 5.00 Newsround (1) (5421012) 5.10 Byker

6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (383)

7.00 Hollday The Costa de la Luz, Israel, Fort

7.30 EastEnders The two women in lan's life

threaten to tear him apart (1) (147)

8.00 Mysteries with Carol Vorderman

8,30 A Question of Sport Chelsea's Frank-Leboeut, athlete Kelly Holmes, boxer Steve Collins and golfer Darren Clarke join captains John Parrott and Ally

Lauderdale, the Cotswolds and the Isle of Wight (1) (5296)

Featuring a man who dreamt about the

winner of the Grand National and won a

1.30 Regional News (84340166)

#.45 Neighbours (T) (44353499)

Grove (T) (9372012)

6.30 Regional News (963)

tortune (T) (4944)

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9.00 News (T) and weather (5031)

9.30 Rory McGrath's Commercial

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (830499)

·2.05 Quincy (r) (2913944)

(7930437)

12.35 Give Us A Clue (2229654)

6,00am Business Breakfast (20505) 7,00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (25963)

9.25 Style Challenge (5525321)

9.50 Kilroy (T) (9621073)

10.30 Change That (8939875)

11.35 Real Rooms (6564906)

sarily in the right order.

They say," he told us, "that if America could be expressed in terms of metal, plastic and chrome, it would look a lot like a Chevrolet Corvette" - "they", presumably, being the inmates of Willson's local lunatic asylum. Already beginning to overheat dangerously, he added: "For Americans this car is more sacrosanct than JFK or the Declaration of Independence." Not as sacrosanct, mind you; but more.

As for the delivery, it makes you wonder if Willson is the secret lovechild born of a one-night stand between Alan Whicker and Jeremy Clarkson's mother. The stresses are in those places located only (expertly) by Whicker and (preposterously) by those train stewards who announce over the Tannoy that "the buffet car IS now open for the sale OF light refreshments". If anyone still harboured any

home-study course (six cassettes plus accompanying book containing step-by-step guide to Whicker diction), they only had to hear him say: "Make no mistake about it: Main Street America loves the Chevrolet Corvette. And that IS because it IS a star-spangled, patriotic statement that America, was, is, and will be, larger than life. [Allow for Whicker-style pause here]. And very. Very. Noisy."

s it happens, Willson also aims for a Whicker-style script. And misses. In the first programme of the series he called the E-type "a racing car in a miniskirt": you don't need to be Freud to know that, if anything, it was a racing car in a posing pouch. This time he offered: The Corvette 1959 shows us an America so gorged on pleasure it had forgotten the itch of desire." Like a car with the accelerator

#### REVIEW



Joe Joseph

down to the floor, Willson's hyperbole soon gained frightening speed. "The '63 Stingray hit fjust insert your own stresses at random intervals! the market like a thunderbolt. These were the Cold War years, remember. This car was perfect for a belligerent American psyche. Something that looked like it could be put in a rocket launcher and aimed at Moscow." But then the hyperbole needle swings so far the dial: "If you want to understand about America and Americans, then here you go. Six generations of her favourite icon. And it's all here: America's power, her paranaoia, her confidence, optimism, wealth and isolationism. The Chevrolet Corvette tells us more about the American way than a whole freight train of

history professors." Hello? I only hope Willson was sensible enough to call a taxi rather than drive himself home after swallowing whatever it was that produced that fantastic hallucination.

But Channel 4's Movers And Shakers: Car Wars showed us that not all men are so pathetic that they will spend their adult lives revving sports cars up and down motorways. Some men are so nathetic that they will spend their adult lives revving sports cars up and down their bedrooms. Scalextric (motto: "The game that's

racing for men who ache to drive around in an E-type picking up "chicks", but who settle for driving a three-inch long Ferrari that even a Barbie doll would snigger at.

It was easy to mock, which may be why the makers of this documentary did, especially when Richard Hardie in South Wales told them that his 1,000 Scalextric cars had provided "a very important stability in my life. When things go up and down, you can lose yourself, you can be Graham Hill. My wife thinks I'm a complete idiot." She's not the only one.

hould Willson have been watching Land of the Tiger (BBC2), he would have seen watching Land of the Tiger Valmik Thapar, the Indian author and conservationist, showing how you can go over the top with your script and still not be shot down provided viewers detect some sense of passion there.

sub-continent for a few jewels of wildlife - some langur monkeys here, elephants swimming there, a snow leopard in the Himalayas -Thapar told us that he has been tracking India's tigers for many years, "yet I still thrill to the splendour of these magnificent beasts". It takes a while for your ear to get used to the sound of a traveller on television who can still "thrill to the splendour" of anything without feeling self-conscious or lending the phrase an ironic, smart alec undertow.

The photography is bewitching. It's possible that once in the remaining five weeks of this series, Thapar will look us in the eye and say coolly: "It's all here: India's power, her paranoia, her confidence, optimism, wealth and isolationism. The tiger tells us more about the Indian way than a whole freight train of history professors," But I doubt it.

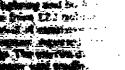
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Breakdown A look at commercials using cuddly animals. Last in series (1) (91321) WALES: 9.30 Week In, Week Out (91321) 10.00 Hory McGrath's One Foot in the Grave (61692) 11.00 Auntie: The Inside Story of the BBC (815505) 12.05am FILM; Once Around (907364) 2.00 News (5261677) 2.05 BBC

News 24 (3928242) 10.00 One Foot in the Grave The Mekrews return from an overseas holiday to find their home has been burnt to the ground (r) (f) (52944) :

Atuntie - The Inside Story of the BBC Insight into the BBC's so-called golden years, 1970 to 1986, which saw conflict with the introduction of some of the BBC's classic programmes, including Yes Minister, Fawity Towers, EastEnders and Radio 4's Today, Last in series (1) (3118470) -\$1.35 Once Around (1991) Romantic cornedy

about an Italian-American woman (Holly Hunter) who falls for pushy salesman Richard Drayluss during a Caribbean jount. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom (469321) Followed by Weather 1.30em BBC News 24 (65093)

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#### 6.00am Arts: Victorians and the Art of the Past (41586) 6.30 Richard II (96963) 7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

signing) (3688073)
7.15 Teletubbles (r) (4984296) 7.40 Smurfs'
Adventures (r) (2268437) 8.05 Blue Peter (r). (7) (2848234) 8.30 Daile Doke (r) (4547789) 8.40 Rupert (r) (9631470) 8.45
The Record (9534215) 9.10 Practising Bellet (5094073) 9.25 See You, See Me (2011470) 8.45 Number the (43141470) (2111470) 9.45 Numbertime (4421944)

10.00 Teletubbles (r) (87215) 10.30 Watch (2068463) 10.45 Science Zone (2333012) 11.05 Space Ark (8260234) 11.15 Megamaths (T) (1555147) 11.35 History File (8364938) 12.00 See Hear (r)

12.30pm Working Lunch (86499) 1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (1) (56682334) 1.10 The Art and Antiques Hour (6371128) 2.10 Going, Going, Gone (62441079) 2.40 News (1) (3383128) 2.45 Westminster (1) (7040857) 3.25 News (T) (8988234) 3.30

The Village (r) (741) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (876) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (r) (1789760) 4.55 Esther (9536215) 5.30 Today's the Day

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (853876) 6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (834012) 7.10 The O Zone (217470)

7.30 From the Edge in-depth reports on issues affecting disabled people (1) (789) 8.00 University Challenge Oxford Brookes take on Warwick University (1) (2586)

8.30 Food and Drink Antony Worrali-Thompson prepares spiced chicken breasts with lentils; reduced-alcohol drinks; and traditional Cumbrian dishes Timewatch: The Gentlemen sples Those involved in the early years of MI5 recall how their professional lives were shrouded in



Sir Hew Pike rejoins the ranks (9.50pm)

9.50 Back to the Floor Lieutenant-General St Hew Pike samples life in an armoured personnel carrier (T) (516906) 10.20 Best Friends Two women tell the story of

their enduring friendship (7) (604383) 10.30 Newsnight (1) (178741) 11.15 Seinfeld George and former classmate Diane hit it off, but only after Jerry tells her he's a leading matine biologist (1)

11.40 The Larry Sanders Show A clash of opinion threatens to bring the show to its knees (1) (433505) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (1045838)

12,25am Weather (7018819) 12,30 Learning Zone: The Making of Peter Snow (5675432) 12.35 Architecture in Britain (63635) 2.00 Modern Languages (37426) 4.00 Deutsch Plus 1-4 (49109) 5.00 Business and Training (31242)

#### HTV

6.00am GMTV (4085876) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (I) (5501741) 9.55 Regional News (T) (6028470) 10.00 The Time, the Place (74741)

10.30 This Morning (T) (48304215) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (6299741) 12.30 News (T) and weather (2255079) 12.55 Shortland Street (2223470) 1.25 Home

and Away (T) (57698893) 1.50 The Rocktord Files (5672296) 2.50 Vanessa: My Partner's A Filit (T) (8664031) 3.20 News (T) (8983789) 3.25 Regional News (T) (8975760)

3.30 The Riddlers (3807708) 3.40 Wizadora (1189760) 3.50 The Adventures of Paddington Bear (1185944) 4.00 Zzzapl Autumn Special (9945654) 4.15 Hey Arnold (1) (3610908) 4.40 The Werd (1) 5.10 WALES: Don't Try This at Home Kids!

(9834963) 5.10 Relative Knowledge (9834963) 5.40 News (T) and weather (376055) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (840302) 6.25 Regional Weather (726383)

6.30 Regional News (1) (401) 7.00 Emmerdale. The Woolpackers return from Australia (1) (3692) 7.30 WALES: Your Century: Aberystwyth

7.30 Take 3 Current affairs series (215) 8.00 The Bill Boyden and Blake are assigned to investigate the horrific death of an alcoholic (1) (9012)

8.30 The Cook Report Exposing more dodgy businessmen and practices (T) (8147) 9.00 Soldier. Soldier Hobbs is determined to go out with a bang during an inspection of the barracks (1) (7741) 10.00 News (T) and weather (47012) 10,30 Regional News (1) (576499)



Mount St Helens erupts (10.40pm)

Savage Earth: Hell's Crust First in a new series examining the restless planet we live on, beginnin with the eruption of Mount St Helens in Washington State (T) (643470) 11,40 WALES: The Wacky Weekly World News (904418)

11.40 Whami Bam! Poetry Slam! (904418) 12.10am The Making of a Life Less Ordinary (5088068)

12.35 Planet Mirth (7924426) 1.05 Late and Loud (6867093) 2.05 The Chart Show (r) (6541726) 3.00 Football Extra (r) (4110987) 3.50 World of Salling: Aquatonic Skiff Grand Prix, Round 3 (r) (56572242)

4.20 Sound Bites (40588548) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (93619616) 5.00 Helricom (r) (98779) 5,30 News (61616)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2223470) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9834963) 6.25-7.00 Central News (122789)

7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special (215) 11.40 Central Sports Special (470370) 12.45am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club 1.20 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

(2771161) 1.40 War of the Worlds (5854600) 2.30 The Paul Ross Show (9735838) 3,55 Central Jobfinder '97 (8047172)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

5.20 Asian Eye (9103884)

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 liluminations (6299741) 12.55 Home and Away (7227031) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (79327031) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9834963) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (81944)

7.30-8.00 Blooming Marvellous: On the

Road (215) 11.40 Highlander (893708)

#### MENDAN

As HTV West except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9834963) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (609) 6.30-7.00 Relative Knowledge (401) 7.30-8.00 Ambulance! (215) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (893708)

5.00am Freescreen (98779)

ANGLIA As HTV West except: 12.55-1,25 What's My Line? (2223470) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9834963) 6.23 Angits Weather (727012) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (122789) **7.30-8.00 Crown and Country** (215) 17.40 Mildweek Kick-Offi Coca-Cola Cup action (893708)

**S46** Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (18673) 9,00 Ysgolion (508760) 11.30 Powerhouse (9234) 12.00 Sesame Street (44925)

12.30pm Ricki Lake (32645) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (40367942) 1.15 Pingu (45317447) 1.30 Munro (84333876)

1.40 Film: Seven Thieves (†5175215) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (437) 4,00 Fifteen-to-One (944) 4.30 United Tastes of America (128)

5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (1470) 5.30 Countdown (708)

6.00 Newyddion 6 (213234) 6.10 Heno (680128) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (978079)

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10.35 Frasier (550875) 11.05 Equinox (604741) · 12.05am Streets of Fire (6195529) 1.05-2.05 Witness (6865635)

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6.00am Sesame Street (13215)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (18673) 9.00 Schools: Science in Facus (T) (5506296) 9.22 Lost Animals (1962470) 9.30 Eureka! (1) (4428857) 9.45 Stop. Look, Listen (1) (4426037) 9.49 Stopt, Look, Listen (1) (4416012) 10.00 Fourways Farm (4513383) 10.10 TVM (1) (2818627) 10.25 How We Used to Live (1) (7668924) 10.45 Quest (1) (9713316) 11.00 First Edition IV (3348234) 11.15 Stage One (T) (3338857)

11.30 Powerhouse (T) (9234) 12.00 Sesama Street (44925) 12.30pm Light Lunch (90321) 1.30 Gardens Without Borders (r) (T) (84324128) 1.45 What on Earth

1.55 Sailor of the King (1953, b/w) Jeffrey Hunter, Michael Rennie, Wendy Hiller and Bernard Lee star in this Second World Bernard Lee star in this Second World War drama directed by Roy Boulting

3.30 Collector's Lot (T) (437) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (944) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1781128) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (9521383) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (708) 6.00 Moviewatch Film magazine presented

by Johnny Vaughan (321) 5.30 Roseanne The Connors compete to see who can come up with the scariest Hallowe'en costume (r) (T) (673) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (341147)

7.55 Golden Oldies Another couple celebrate their golden wedding (652789) 8.00 Deals on Wheels Advice on buying a second-hand car (2/6) (T) (7654)

8.30 Brookside Will Cassie accept Mick's offer? Will Jacqui go back on her word?



Religion divides a family (9.00pm)

9.00 Exide Cutting Edge: The End is Nigh Two stories of love among the Jehovah's Witnesses (T)

10.00 Underworld Black comedy series starring James Fleet and Susan Wooldridge, Susan and William reeling from their encounters with the crimina Margate (T) (2611505)

11.05 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (T) 11.45 The Living End (1992) starring Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore A road movie that chattenges the presentation of HIV and contemporary gay issues Directed by Greg Araki (T) (131296)

1.20am Late Night Ricki Lake (r) (T) (6172155)2.05 The Bureau (1/4) (r) (T) (6345123)

3.05 Carl Hisasen's Milami (r) (73149093)

3.30 Letter from America with Christophe

Hitchens (r) (T) (56666635) 4.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science (4169797) 5.15 Planning for Primary RE

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6.00am 5 News Early (2550857) 7.30 Milkshake (4213499) 7.35 Stickin' Around (r) (6607050) B.00 Havakazoo (r)

8.30 WideWorld Documentary senes on human migration. How people have been moving from the land to the cities in Brazil for 150 years (8/10) (7548316)

9.00 Espresso (2595302) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8692654) 10.30 Penod Rooms (r) (T) (7643960) 11.00 Leeza (7257708) 11.50 Double Espresso

(94431708) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (3948352) 12.30pm Famuly Aflairs (r) (T) (8437741) 1.00 5 News 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3226215)

2.00 5's Company (8294383) 3.30 Anastasia: The Mystery of Anna (1986) Conclusion of the made-for-television historical drama begun yesterday. starring Army Irving as the woman who claimed she was the sole surviving member of the Russian Royal Family. Directed by Marvin J. Chomsky (8401925)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (13689302) 5.30 Whitle (T) (3681963) \$.00 100 Per Cent (3688876)

6.30 Family Affairs Holly announces that she wants to come out of the closet (T)

7.00 Exclusive Enterlainment news (5260302) 7.30 Dwellers of the Deep The advancing Queensiand coastland (T) (3668012)



PR wizard Max Clifford (8.00pm)

8.00 Vanessa's Day With Vanessa Feltz spends a day with the PR guru Max Clifford (T) (5279050) 8,30 5 News (T) (5265857)

9.00 Tornado! (1996) with Bruce Campbell and Shannon Sturges. Made-for-television drama about a scientist who develops an early-warning tornado detector. Noel Nosseck directs (T) (61099470)

10.35 The Jack Docherty Show The guests are Eddie Izzard, Murray Walker and Gary Barlow (6453944)

11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3975760) 12.20am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine including motorsport and football action from the Latin American leagues (37742074)

4.35 The Streets of San Francisco stammo Karl Maiden (T) (7320277) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2583567)

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# Cricketers pitch into debate

n Australia, inordinate financial demands are being reinforced by the stark threat of strike action. In England the claims are more moderate, the language less shrill but the message is the same. Cricketers are shedding the dated traditions of mute subservience and seeking a voice and influence to match their profile in the game.

Unused to being questioned from the shop floor, English administra-tors have reacted sensitively to the convening of an extraordinary general meeting of the country's players to debate the new domestic structure, a decision being augmented by the organising of a formal ballot on the issue. Now, they must address fresh implications as the players turn their attention to other conten-

In the coming weeks, their repre-sentatives will call for profound changes in contract regulations, focusing on worrying trends concerning the position of players' agents and the creation of a covert equitable share of the game's central revenue to fund their own affairs.

David Graveney, general secre-tary of the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) and spokesman for the country's players, believes a close dialogue with the establishment is imperative to avoid the impasse that has occurred in Australia. We are entering an important year that will dictate the way the game is conducted in the future. We all have to choose where we want to go from here and everyone

must do some listening." Graveney is keen to distance his own players from events in Australia, where the players startling demands for 50 per cent of the game's income, almost half of which would go directly to the small elite of the international squad, is causing such discord. "They have a stand-off between players and administrators, with delegates breaking off talks and walking out of meetings.

Alan Lee finds players demanding more involvement in the running of the game

"I like to think we have a far better relationship with our Board but the PCA exists on a relatively small annual grant that takes no account of increased revenue and we are seeking a more formal basis of

funding. We are expanding our scope for the good of all and this is

the difference between being old

enough and responsible enough to run our own business rather than asking our elders for pocket-money. "Talk of strike action seems to be cheap in Australia and people are inferring that the same could hap-pen here after our EGM next May. Technically, of course, it is an option if the players feel strongly enough but on the structure issue and other pressing areas, we are looking for constructive discussions rather than

Graveney was struck by the force of feeling against the hastily com-promised playing programme agreed by the counties in September and, specifically, by the hardening of players' support for two divisions in the county championship.

If the counties who make up the

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) are bracing themselves for a challenge on this matter, however, they must also prepare to consider the players' opinions on reforming the increasingly abused regulations governing transfers.

A four-man working party, involving Graveney and Tim O'Gorman for the PCA and Steve Coverdale and Mike Vockins for the ECB, will meet shortly to discuss the whole area of player movement and the thrust of the PCA proposal will

for freedom of movement for cricket-

"We don't want players to be completely free agents. That would destroy the game," Graveney said. "We need counties to be compensated if they lose a young player, because otherwise they will simply abandon their youth policies, which would be disastrous. Equally, we need to reflect modern times and acknowledge that players no longer regard a one-club career as the norm. We have to ask if the List One and List Two method is still workable.

The increasing power of agents worries Graveney and, again mir-roring the PFA, he would like each would-be agent to pay a bond to the game to establish his credentials. Alternatively, he suggests the PCA could perform the role itself and "art as intermediaries between players and counties to stop money flowing out of the game in agents' fees."

The latest "career move" by Chris Lewis, who has rejoined Leicestershire from Surrey, and the ongoing saga of Chris Adams have intens-ified concern over agents and spiralling salaries. Gravency said: 'The current system means that the best way to make money from the game, for a player and his agent, is to keep moving around, and that cannot be

healthy. There is obvious potential

West Indies surrender

for damage in the dressing-room if one player is paid twice as much as anyone else and I fear some clubs are also ignoring the harsh lessons of other sports and spending money they haven't got.

The most important element in all that we discuss must be that a 15year-old boy, faced with alternative sporting careers, chooses cricket and never regrets it. At the moment, that is not happening often enough."

#### **Canoeists** head for troubled waters

BY JOHN GOODBODY

A LEADING canoeing coach is leading a campaign to stop Britain's top competitors being forced to use the stalom course at the national watersports centre at Holme Pierre-pont, near Nottingham, where polluted water has

where polluted water mas caused many people to suffer stomach upsets. Members of the British Canoe Union have been urged to pass a resolution at the annual meeting on Saturday to allow competi-tors to take part in trial races on other courses and not to be obliged to use Holme Pierrepont.

Holme Pierrepont.
Jim Jayes, a leading coach, is protesting that national squad members are being asked to sign a statement sent by Alan Edge, the national coach. reading that "the issue of water quality at Holme Pierrepout should not be used as a reason to prevent the site being chosen as a venue for GB team and squad selection events".

In 1995, the course was closed five times because of pollution and the Sports Council (now the English Sports Council) funded a study by the medical school at Nottingham University. This found that there was "a significant rate of gastro-intestihal illnesses after using the sizioni course".

However, one of the five authors. Dr Simon Daw-son, who is a canoeist, said yesterday: There is a problem, but it is minor compared to those in other sports. We should not overstate the case."

Dr Keith Neal, another of the authors, accepted that there was a health hazard but said that competitors had to balance that against the excellent medical su ort available at Holme Pierrepont to deal with accidents.

Brian Pluckrose, the centre's manager, pointed out that the course had only been closed three times this year because of pollution, and one of these was a diesel spill. Until August, there had only been 20 reported cases of illness from the 30,000 users of the slalom course this year. The centre now has computerised equip-ment to monitor pollution.

# Ferguson moves for Chile striker United consider

deal for Salas

By DAVID MADDOCK AND MATT DICKINSON

£20m record

MANCHESTER United have been asked to pay a worldrecord transfer fee of £20 million for Marcello Salas, the Chilean striker who plays for the River Plate club in Argentina. Negotiations between the two clubs were opened after Alex Ferguson, the United manager, watched Salas play for Chile on Sunday. It is understood that Maurice Wat-United director, ha travelled to Argentina to try to

Ferguson saw Salas score in the 3-0 victory over Bolivia, a result which gave Chile a place in the World Cup finals. The manager has remained in South America and will not return to his office until Thurs-

day. But already there have one is interested in players like been difficulties. River Plate Now Watkins must reduce want to make a £13 million

the asking price for the 22-year-old. United's hand may have been strengthened by the profit on Salas, but with taxes in Argentina that would require an outlay of £20 million fact that Juventus, of Italy, were also interested in the by United. Martin Edwards, the club Chilean, but are not prepared chairman, has indicated he is only prepared to pay half that to pay such a huge figure. River Plate have recently

Ferguson, though, contirmed that his interest in the player is strong. "Italians, Spanish and German players all want to come to England, and I think it shows it is the best league in the world," he said. "I believe Salas could play there without any prob-lem. He is a goalscorer and a

withdrawn from the bidding. Without an auction. United are far more likely to persuade River Plate to be more reasonable in their demands. Ferguson has been pictured on national television in Argentina, where he confirmed that the goalscorer's prowess very good player, and everyhas impressed him. Reports in the Argentinian media suggest that United have a reasonable chance of reducing the fee. Edwards confirmed yes-

terday that negotiations have started between the two clubs. and Watkins will continue talks this week. If there is movement closer to United's valuation, then Edwards will fly out to conclude the deal, possibly as early as this weekend. Salas could be joined on the World Cun stage next summer by several players from the FA Carling Premiership who might have only dreamt of it before Jamaica's qualification on Sunday. Frank Sinclair, of

been playing the two Euro-

other, but the Italians have

Chelsea, Marcus Gayle, of Wimbledon, Danny Maddix. of Queens Park Rangers, and Chris and Darryl Powell, of Derby County, head the list of targets that the Jamaican Football Federation will be sounding out as potential Reggae Boyz as they plan the next stage of their remarkable After the success of the first

THE man who wrote the official rugby league coaching manual was yesterday named

as the surprise choice to work

alongside Clive Woodward,

the England rugby union

coach, for the forthcoming

matches against New Zealand and South Africa. For Phil

Larder, preparing the England team to face the mighty

All Blacks on Saturday will be

a huge leap from coaching Huddersfield YMCA.

Salas, right, celebrates the goal that he scored on Sunday which helped Chile through to the World Cup finals banch of English recruits, no-tably the Derby striker, Deon Burton, who has become the country's sporting idol, do not be surprised to find a queue of Premiership footballers at Somerset House this week anxiously checking for West Indian descent as Jamai-

Gayle, whose Wimbledon team-mate, Robbie Earle, is already part of the Jamaica squad, has had preliminary

can immigrants the world

over rediscover a lost

incentives: Earle, Burton and the Portsmouth pair, Fitzroy Simpson and Paul Hall, are already planning holiday homes on the plots of land given to each member of the successful squad by P.J. Patterson, the Jamaican Prime

Minister, along with help with building costs, as reward for

qualification. The issue of new recruits is, though, a delicate one for Rene Simoes, the Brazilian who coaches Jamaica. He is wary of upsetting a nation which has been united as never before thanks to its football

World Cup party Coca-Cola rethink Sultan of soccer.

team, the country closing down yesterday for a national holiday to mark the unprecedented achievement of reach-

ing France next summer. have to be careful," he said. "I know there are other selected, but I want to get the

approval of the existing squad. The country must have pride in their team and we have to the balance

Jamaica had hoped their preparations for France would include a friendly game against England at Wembley. Obviously we would love to play at Wembley and maybe with many Jamaicans in England, they can apply some pressure," Simoes said yesterday. "We are coming to Europe for the World Cup draw and we have many offers

to discuss." However, Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association, claimed yesterday that England's itin-erary was too full until next year at the earliest.

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scheme helped to bring several young British coaches to

prominence. He left his desk

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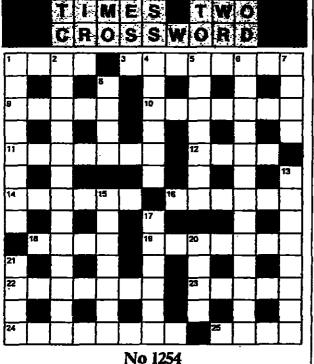
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> Larder was the Great Britain rugby league coach a year ago and, last May, he was dismissed after seven months at Sheffield Eagles. He struggled to find employment, but has now been given a chance by the Rugby Football Union (RFU). If all goes well, it will consider him for a role as national development officer

to work with elife players. His appointment was news to the Rugby Football League (RFL), where Larder was director of coaching for nine vears until 1992, and brings the number of coaches in the

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

Larder switches to join union

England set-up under Woodward to four. "Phil brings a wealth of experience with him from a code which I respect and from

which. I believe, we can learn and incorporate into our Woodward said. Until six months ago, Larder, 52, had had nothing to do with union since he turned professional in 1968 with

Larder: new coaching role

Oldham. Even yesterday, his name was still being linked with the coaching vacancy at On leaving Sheffield, Lar-

der applied for a rugby union coaching course, has helped at Sale, under John Mitchell, the director of rugby and England assistant coach, where Larder once played as a centre. Since the start of the season, he has been coaching Huddersfield YMCA, his local club, who are unbeaten at the top of York-

shire Two. As qualifications for coaching England go, however, Larder's experience is not exactly extensive. A former teacher, born in Oldham, he played both codes at school and union for Broughton Park, Loughborough University, Manchester and Sale, before a 12-year stint in league for Oldham and a spell at Whitehaven

His development at the RFL of the national coaching

premiership titles under his guidance in 1995, the same year that he was appointed on a two-year international con-England beat Australia in the opening match of the 1995

World Cup, but Larder was criticised for his tactical intransigence when the result was reversed in the final. Despite a 3-0 whitewash for Great Britain in New Zealand 12 months ago, Larder varied his tactics little during the series, but he will bring valued technical assistance to Woodward in his new rote.

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